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Soviet emigration on the increase

By
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Soviet Jewish emigration appears to be rising and may have even hit the 400 level in March.

Ben Prossin, director of Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region, said that in the first three weeks of March, 277 Jews left the Soviet Union compared to 98 in January and 141 in February.

Prossin said levels in the 400 to 500 area per month are well within the realm of possiblity.

"Based on information we have received, we are expecting emigration levels to average 6,000 for 1987."

He pointed out that there are 11,000 Soviet Jews who are Refuseniks and an additional 19,000 who have an invitation from a first degree relative (parents, siblings or children) in Israel as demanded by the Soviet's Jan. 1 emigration law.

As well, a further 400,000 Jews — "that we know about" — have initiated the emigration process by seeking invitations from relatives in Israel. It is not known what percentage are in the first degree category.

Martin Penn, director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry in Montreal, said that if 5,000 to 6,000 are let out each year "it would take about about 80 years to deal with just the backlog. These levels are just not good enough."

Penn said that Soviet officials seem to be sending the signal that if they repatriate the 30,000 people with family in the West, the whole problem of Jewish emigration will be solved.

"We're not prepared to differentiate between people who want to leave and don't have a first degree relative and those who want to leave and do," he said.

"The question of Jewish emigration is a political decision. If they want to release a significant number of Jews — even those without a relative in Israel — they can. All they've done is institutionalize the process they've used for the past few years."

Penn pointed out that exactly the same rules applied in the calendar years 1979 and 1986 but the levels were 51,000 and 914, respectively.

Prossin said the Soviets are making it seem as though they are easing the situation for Jews but "until they open the doors" the reality is different.

"It is good that the figures are increasing but it's nowhere near the level we would like to see. We won't give up the battle un-

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Jewish leaders gain insight

Pollard matter explained

By
MARGIE OLSTER

JERUSALEM (JTA) — American Jewish leaders who came here to warn the leaders of Israel that their handling of the Jonathan Pollard spy case was not being well received in the U.S., left for home last week saying they had gained a deeper understanding of Israel's actions and motives.

The 40-member delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations also gained insight into Israel's relationship with South Africa and its efforts to have the U.S. government abolish refugee status for Jews leaving the Soviet Union, according to chairman Morris Abram.

"I think Americans will never be able to fully understand Israeli actions when they (Israelis) perceive their security interests at stake," Abram told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

He referred specifically to a matter which soured U.S. attitudes toward Israel and aroused serious concern among American Jews — the advancement of the

Morris Abram

careers of Air Force Col. Aviem Sella and former Mossad operative Rafael Eitan, the Israeli officials who, according to Pollard's trial testimony, recruited him and ran his spy operation in the U.S. (See Jewish World column, page 8).

"People who live in constant fear of utter destruction and death look on a Col. Sella as a national asset and a hero of which there are not enough in a dangerous world, so there is sympathy for Sella and I have that sympathy too. I know what Sella is and what he represents," Abram said.

He maintained that Sella was in fact "punished" by not being promoted to the rank of brigadier-general, even though he was given command of Israel's second largest air base.

The American Jewish leaders had long, frank discussions with Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other top political and military figures.

They were told repeatedly that the Pollard spy case was a "rogue operation" conducted without the knowledge or authorization of the highest levels of government. Abram said he believed this and was confident the other members of the delegation left Israel also believing it.

But at least one member still has doubts. Barnett Zumoff, president of the Workmen's Circle, said "Shamir, Peres, Rabin and all said it was a rogue operation. It sounded convincing but I don't believe it.

"Part of espionage is that the head of state has to have deniability," Zumoff observed. "Regardless of this, the Pollard affair was only compounded by a number of errors made by the Israeli government in the wake of the crisis, the worst of which were the promotions of Sella and Eitan." Those actions were

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Carter is convinced Syria, Jordan will talk

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter arrived in Israel last week saying he was convinced that the leaders of Syria and Jordan would join direct peace talks with Israel held within the framework of an international peace conference.

Meeting with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres shortly after reaching Jerusalem via the Allenby Bridge from Jordan, Carter said that President Hafez Assad of Syria understood that an international conference was the next stage toward direct negotiations.

He said that King Hussein of Jordan wanted to

Jimmy Carter

advance the peace process and held "flexible views," but was unable to move forward in the absence of an international forum. According to Carter, Assad regards Jordan as "a leading force in the peace process." Carter said that in his own view, Syria, too, has an important role in the process.

Carter's visit to Israel, his first since 1983, was the final leg of a tour that took him to Algeria, Egypt, Syria and Jordan. The former President stressed repeatedly here and in the Arab capitals that his visit was private and the views he expressed were his own. He made clear he was not representing the U.S.

He made several statements in the course of his journey on the need to include the Palestine Liberation Organization in an international conference.

Carter's arrival in Israel coincided with the 8th an-

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Avineri points finger at South African Jews

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A leading Israeli scholar and former diplomat delivered an unprecedented blast at South African Jewry here last week.

"They are part of the white power structure and benefit from it. There's nothing Israel owes people who are part of a racist regime," Prof. Shlomo Avineri declared at a Hebrew University symposium on South Africa.

Apparently referring to Israel's reluctance to follow the West in applying sanctions against the Pretoria regime because of possible repercussions for South African Jews, Avineri asserted that "South African Jews can take care of themselves very well and don't need Israel's support."

Israel announced recently that it would phase out its military and other relationships with South Africa (CJN March 26).

Avineri, who was director-general of the Israel foreign ministry in 1976-77 and is a world-renowned authority on Marx and Hegel, raised a storm last month when he accused American Jewish leaders of demonstrating a "galut" mentality in their response to the Jonathan Pollard spy case, "cringing" for fear of charges of dual loyalty.

Avineri, long a critic of Israel's relations with South Africa, urged that the estimated 15,000 Israelis living in South Africa be stripped of their citizenship.

As for South African Jewry, he said, "The major mistake of the Israeli government has been to not tell South Africa's 115,000 Jews: Get out — you have nothing to do there."

Scharansky urges deal to open Russia's gates

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Natan Scharansky has proposed that the West offer the Soviet Union a quid pro quo for easing emigration restrictions for Soviet Jews. For Jewish emigration of 10,000 a year, Moscow would be rewarded with a broadening of scientific and cultural ties, he suggested.

If 50,000 Jews are allowed to leave a year, the U.S. should cancel the Jackson-Vanik amendment, which links Jewish emigration to most favored nation trade status for the USSR, Scharansky told some 1,500 North American immigrants at a meeting organized by the Association of American and Canadian Immigrants to Israel and the Soviet Jewry Information Centre.

The event, billed as "an evening with Natan Scharansky," coincided with the 10th anniversary of his arrest in Moscow, allegedly for spying for the United States.

Scharansky, who came to Israel in February, 1986 after nine years in a Soviet camp, said he thought it would be a "dangerous precedent" for Israel to ask the United States to abolish special refugee status for Jews leaving the Soviet Union.

"I have no doubt that the best place for a Jew to live is in Israel, but I don't want anyone brought here against his will," Scharansky said.

In this he is at odds with Premier Yitzhak Shamir and other Israeli leaders who have been urging the U.S. to abolish refugee status in order to make it more difficult for Soviet Jewish emigres to go to the U.S. instead of to Israel.

Scharansky also believes that direct flights from Moscow to Tel Aviv "are not an issue" or an answer to this problem. He said the Soviets have built it up as a bargaining device to extract concessions. It is an example of how Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev "fixes his own price," Scharansky said.

He also thought the new Soviet emigration regulations that took effect Jan. 1 pose the most serious problem for Soviet Jews since they were forced in 1972 to pay for the free education they received in the USSR before leaving.

The new regulations restrict family reunification to only the closest kin — parents or siblings.

The new law automatically reduced the number of potential emigrants to a mere 30,000. He criticized the Israel government for "taking several months" before it lodged a protest.

Scharansky said there was not necessarily a "direct linkage" between the possible resumption of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Soviet Union and relief for Soviet Jews. Renewed relations should be based on the understanding that "the problem of Soviet Jewry is Israel's problem," he said.

He recalled that Israel and the USSR had diplomatic relations prior to the 1967 Six Day War but there was no Jewish emigration. "It was often easier" for Russian Jews to contact the U.S. embassy in Moscow than the Israeli delegation there, he said.

Herzog to visit West Germany

BONN (JTA) — President Chaim Herzog of Israel will begin his visit to West Germany on April 6 at the site of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp which he helped liberate as an officer in the British army during the final stages of World War II.

The Irish-born Herzog will be accompanied by President Richard von Weizsaecker of the Federal Republic throughout his 4-day state visit. On the evening of April 6, Herzog will host a dinner for leaders of all political and social groups in West Germany.

The following day will be devoted to political talks in Bonn, after which Herzog will be guest of honor at a reception at

Chaim Herzog

the fully restored synagogue in Worms, a centre of Jewish culture in Germany for centuries.

On the fourth day of his trip, the Israeli President will fly to West Berlin to visit the local Jewish community.

Holiday deadlines

Because of the Passover holidays and Good Friday and because we're moving to new premises (10 Gateway Blvd., in Don Mills), April will be a very busy month for The CJN necessitating changes in the deadlines as follows:

April 16 issue — Editorial deadline is Friday 4 p.m., April 3 in Toronto; advertising deadline, Wednesday noon, April 8.

April 23 and April 30 issues — editorial deadline, Monday, April 6 in Toronto.

Advertising deadline for April 23 issue: 4 p.m., April 10 for organizations, and 10 a.m. April 16 for other advertising. Advertising deadline for April 30 issue will be back to normal.

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World-National

Deschenes report allays some fears

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Praise has been nearly unanimous for the report which Mr. Justice Jules Deschenes submitted to the government and the public. Not so unanimous was the reception which the government's reaction to the report received, but even there the negative comments were muted.

Rabbi Plaut

The broadly favorable reaction to the report may lie in the fact that it managed to dispel the major anxieties which both Jewish and Ukrainian Canadians had harbored.

Jews had worried that their protracted battle for Canadian action on war criminals in this country might be aborted altogether. If the Commission had found that evidence for the presence of war criminals was insubstantial it would have upset all of us, for we thought all along that the evidence was plentiful. As it turned out, the Commission disagreed with claims by some Jewish parties over the number of likely and probable suspects, but it did affirm that 20 persons living in Canada should face immediate criminal prosecution and that in other cases further investigation was warranted.

No stigma

Ukrainians worried that their whole community would be tarred by a positive finding, and especially that the Galicia division (600 of whose members are still alive and residing in Canada) would be tarred as a genocidal outfit. The Commission found that the division as a whole could not be classified as criminal and that all accusations had to be directed against individuals. By this finding Mr. Justice Deschenes calmed a major anxiety of the Ukrainian community. It was this fear, especially, that had exacerbated the tension between Canadian Jews and Ukrainians, and now that it has been allayed we may all return to a more relaxed relationship. (Members of the division have always claimed that their siding with the Germans resulted from anti-Soviet goals because they wanted to fight for an independent Ukraine which the Nazis had promised them in case of victory.)

Now to the government's reaction to the report . . . I would have liked to see it approve two recommendations which it chose to reject. But it may not be too late to persuade the government to change its mind.

One, we should continue to press for amending or extending our Canadian extradition treaties, as for instance with Israel. Two, I think the government may still be moved on the question of simplifying the process for denaturalizing criminal elements.

I am less concerned with the decision not to establish a special investigatory unit, because I anticipate that the RCMP will doubtlessly charge **a special unit within the RCMP** with the task of proceeding.

Government eyed

Most important, we will have to make sure that the introduction of amendments to the Criminal Code and subsequent prosecutions not be put on the back burner. Even now there is ample legal power available for immediate action. We will keenly watch the government's follow-up.

In sum, the Commission report and the government's promise have at last thrown some light into a dark area of Canadian history (of which the Alti Rodal report, when published, will tell us much more). Our government is now on record that it will try to make some amends, though we must also be aware that a considerable amount of time will elapse between accusations and convictions. How much, will constitute a test of the government's will.

Meanwhile, the principle itself has been served and that in itself is important. It also means that a fair amount of wind has been taken out of Ernst Zundel's attempted re-run, and that is much to the good. From the beginning our goal has not been revenge but justice, and that makes the pursuit of war criminals an all-Canadian objective as well.

CIA "ran" spy in Israel: sources

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Between 1982 and 1984, the United States "ran" a high-level espionage agent in the Israeli military establishment, well-placed administration and Congressional sources have confirmed.

They told this reporter that the operation was personally authorized by William Casey, who served until recently as director of the Central Intelligence Agency. They thus confirmed the thrust of what Republican Senator David Durenberger of Minnesota told two separate Jewish groups in Palm Beach, Fla., on March 15 (CJN March 26).

The Washington Post on March 21 quoted two sources in Washington as saying that an Israeli military officer "who was unhappy with the Israeli invasion of Lebanon volunteered to provide limited, classified information to the U.S. government." The report, which confirmed The Jerusalem Post's initial account of U.S. espionage activities against Israel, was written by John Goshko and Bob Woodward (of Watergate fame).

Citing two sources in Washington, the reporters wrote: "Under a secret agreement between the United States and Israel, both governments had pledged not to recruit spies in each other's country but have acknowledged that it would be unrealistic to prohibit unsolicited 'walk-ins' who offer potentially sensitive intelligence information."

Like the alleged Israeli military officer, Jonathan Pollard was a "walk-in" who first volunteered to provide sensitive U.S. intelligence to Israel. He was later paid for his services. It could not be learned in Washington whether the CIA paid the mysterious Israeli officer.

The Washington Post's account quoted the Washington sources as saying that the unidentified Israeli military officer gave the United States "classified material" that was described "as not dramatic but useful" in a relationship that lasted until 1984.

One source said that he did not know whether the relationship was terminated because the agent was detected or for other reasons. Durenberger, in his remarks in Florida, suggested that the officer had been bumped by the IDF, but he did not elaborate.

The Jerusalem Post quoted Durenberger as having told a Jewish group in Palm Beach that in 1982, the U.S. had "changed the rules of the game" by authorizing a covert operation designed to penetrate Israel's intelligence community.

Durenberger said it was that decision by the Central Intelligence Agency which apparently led to Israel's decision to "run" Pollard in Washington. Pollard was a civilian intelligence analyst working for the U.S. Navy. He is currently serving a life sentence for espionage.

The Washington Post said that after the Pollard affair became public in late 1985, Durenberger learned about an Israeli officer who had provided information to the United States for two years. One unidentified source told the newspaper that the Israeli officer's spying "was never of the same magnitude as that done by Pollard."

In his two years as chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, Durenberger reportedly had stormy relations with Casey. According to The Washington Post, Durenberger tried to get Casey to review in advance the sources for sensitive intelligence gathering operations, but Casey refused.

Durenberger told the Jewish groups in Florida that he and Democratic Representative Lee Hamilton of Indiana, the former chairman of the House intelligence committee, had been "stiffed" by Casey when they tried to learn details of U.S. intelligence-gathering operations in Israel. Both Durenberger and Hamilton completed their terms as chairmen of the intelligence committees in January.

This reporter has learned that Casey told the chairmen of the two oversight committees that the CIA was required by U.S. law to report to Congress only about actual covert operations but not necessarily about intelligence-gathering operations. Durenberger is said to have strongly disagreed with Casey's interpretation of this law.

According to authoritative sources, Casey told Durenberger that any CIA activities in Israel were related only to intelligence-gathering, and therefore no CIA disclosures to Congress were necessary.

The New York Times, in reporting on Durenberger's remarks in Florida, said that the administration has "previously acknowledged that the United States tries to gather intelligence about Israel."

Quoting administration sources, the newpaper said "the methods used were technical, involving surveillance satellites or intercepted communications. The recruitment of a spy in the Israeli government would be a significant step further."

After details of Durenberger's comments were first published in The Jerusalem Post, the senator issued a carefully-drafted statement. He pointedly did not deny the account of his remarks which were in fact tape-recorded.

"In speaking to that particular group, I tried to put the Pollard case in perspective," he said. "I related to them that 1982 newspaper accounts of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon led to public speculation that the United States may have had intelligence sources within the Israeli government. I did not relate these events to them in order to justify Israel's actions in the Pollard case, but rather, to shed light on how it may have occurred. I will not comment on the specifics of U.S. intelligence operations overseas."

Pollard decision criticized

The senator went on to criticize Israel's decision to use Pollard. "I would like to reiterate my often-stated views on the Pollard case, which is that friends shouldn't spy on friends," he said. "The recruitment of Pollard was not justified, regardless of whether the Israelis believe this rule to have been broken or not. I believe the Pollard case demonstrates that intelligence operations must always be evaluated as to the risk versus the benefit. In the Pollard case, it clearly was not."

Israel officials and their American supporters were clearly pleased by the thrust of Durenberger's disclosures which, if true, should help to deflect criticism of Israel stemming from the Pollard affair. They were therefore surprised by the denials coming from Israel.

The Washington Post speculated that one possible explanation for the Israeli denials was that Israel, "for reasons of internal morale and security," has been reluctant to admit that one of its military officers had spied against Israel.

In Florida, Durenberger spoke twice before separate groups of nearly 100 Jewish activists. The meetings were sponsored by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the pro-Israeli lobbying organization on Capitol Hill.

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Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger has denied that there was any American spy in the IDF, JTA reports. Questioned about this in an interview on the NBC Meet the Press program, he said that such statements "are the most damaging kinds of statements" because they can be used to "justify further espionage" on the United States.

Demjanjuk trial may cast light on growing darkness

By
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WASHINGTON —

The former death camp of Treblinka is now a memorial park set in a Polish forest. Unlike its more notorious counterpart, Auschwitz, the barracks and crematoriums are gone and idyllic forest has reclaimed the land. A long road leads to memorial stones which in various languages — Russian, French, Polish, Hebrew — say that in 13 months 900,000 persons were killed there. Most of them were Jews.

Now, in Israel, John Demjanjuk, a retired auto mechanic from Cleveland, is on trial. He is accused of being the notorious Ivan the Terrible, the bloodthirsty Ukrainian who operated Treblinka's gas chambers. If true, his crimes are almost beyond imagination. The Ivan of Treblinka was a sadist who delighted in murder and who, unlike his more fastidious and distant superior, Adolf Eichmann, enjoyed doing the job personally.

Demjanjuk's trial began in a 300-seat movie house, but was moved, out of popular demand, to a larger Jerusalem theatre. There are elements of a show trial to the affair — an attempt by Israeli authorities to educate a whole new generation, and a changed culture, into the realities of the Holocaust. It has been 26 years since Eichmann's execution and much of Israel's population now consists of Oriental Jews from Africa and the Middle East — peoples little touched by the Holocaust.

But everything seems out of sorts. The trial of a Ukrainian-born Cleveland resident is taking place in a country that did not even exist at the time of his alleged crimes. Unlike Eichmann, who clearly was who he was, Demjanjuk says he is not Ivan the Terrible. Barring a confession on his part, not even a guilty verdict will put all doubts to rest. For some Americans, just the fact that the Soviet Union supplied the evidence against Demjanjuk is enough to taint the case while, to still others, the anti-Communism of Ukrainian collaborators with the Nazis forgives or explains everything. The present danger excuses past crimes.

Moreover, it has been almost 50 years since the Polish forest at Treblinka was cleared for the industrial murder of human beings, and time raises crucial questions: Can the witnesses really remember with any accuracy? Is the old Demjanjuk really the young Ivan the Terrible and, if he is the same person, is he really — in the truest sense of the word — the same man?

Does time and distance matter any: Is a young Ukrainian peasant infected with the religious and ethnic hatred of that region the same person as an elderly Ohio auto mechanic? Can the avuncular Demjanjuk, who burst into the courtroom shouting "Good morning" in Hebrew, be the same man who ordered a Jew to rape a 12-year-old girl and who, when rebuffed, shot them both?

Demjanjuk's culpability is hardly beside the point. But his larger historical function is to announce that the Holocaust was not just the work of Germans or Nazis and their hideous racial theories, but of ordinary people and their quite ordinary — but as hideous — racial and religious prejudices. He is a symbol of cruelty and hatred of which the Holocaust is a unique example but which, even in our own time, can be found in Lebanon, Northern Ireland and Cambodia. Neither an ideologically crazed Nazi nor an SS officer under orders, Demjanjuk nevertheless could have been a sadistic killer under certain conditions and an amiable auto mechanic under the other conditions.

It's always comforting to think of the Holocaust as a phenomenon that just happened and whose meaning can not be applied elsewhere. It is reassuring to think of it as something that evil Nazis did to exotic Jews and leave it at that — assign it a place usually reserved for cataclysmic natural phenomena such as volcanic eruptions or floods in China from which we can take no lesson. But the reality of Ivan the Terrible and the alleged guilt of the plain Demjanjuk assert otherwise. The killers were our neighbors.

Like the symbolic, if not the actual, Demjanjuk, Treblinka is now what it was before the war. Except for the memorial stones, nothing announces that almost 1 million persons were murdered there — an ordinary place used, just briefly, for an extraordinary purpose. Each year, the forest encroaches on history and dims memory. The trial of Demjanjuk may clear a few trees.

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May call off hunger strike

Senior Soviet official's call gives Elbert hope

By
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TORONTO —

Hunger striker Lev Elbert may call off his hunger strike — a bid to get out of the Soviet Union — in light of a phone call with a highly-placed Soviet official.

Elbert, who lost 26 pounds in the first two weeks of his fast which began on March 5 — his wife Inna lost 13 — told Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights, that he saw Mr. Makarov, deputy director of consular affairs at the ministry for foreign affairs (CJN March 26) again.

The hunger striker said Makarov told him that a new commission has been established by the Praesidium of Supreme Soviet to examine all cases of "regime consideration" — a euphemism for exposure to state secrets.

Elbert told Intrator that Makarov said the commission will start working — no time frame was mentioned — and "in your case it will take two or three weeks for an answer."

Elbert contends — supported by evidence received by The CJN — that his army service is the reason for his continued refusal. The Soviets allege he was exposed to state secrets when he served with a construction battalion in 1973-74.

The Elberts' 16-year-old son Carmi will be eligible for conscription in two years and the couple fears that Carmi's service will mean "we will never get out of Russia."

The couple would like exit visas for the whole family including Lev's brother Michael but would settle for Carmi and Michael being repatriated with Inna's mother and brother, Kira and Dr. Alexander Mizrukhin, in Israel.

In a telephone call a few days earlier, Inna Elbert told Intrator and Ida Milgrom, here to speak at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, that Carmi wanted to join his parents on the hunger strike.

Inna told them she rushed home to Kiev from Moscow, where she and Lev have been staying to be closer to the central government while on the hunger strike, to talk Carmi out of it.

Carmi told his mother that as there had been absolutely no reaction by Soviet officials, he felt he had to do something.

"I feel you and daddy are committing suicide. I want to join your hunger strike. Perhaps that will move the authorities."

The teenager had sent a telegram to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev saying "I don't want to walk over the dead bodies of my parents."

Meanwhile, Leonid Yuzefovitch of Moscow began a hunger strike March 18 to pressure officials into repatriating his family with relatives in Israel. The Refusenik, whose son Menachem was twinned in a bar mitzvah service this past weekend with Jonathan Slivka of Toronto, also demonstrated each day of his fast.

The father of four, whose wife Ekaterina is pregnant, told Jonathan's mother Marsha Slivka shortly before the ceremony that he was abused with "Nazi-like slogans" and set upon by the crowds which the Jewish Telegraph Agency described as KGB agents. On his second day, he was detained by the KGB.

Slivka reports that as his wife is pregnant and has a serious kidney and heart condition, the Refusenik told her he doesn't know how long he will continue to fast.

In Moscow, cancer patient Benjamin Charny's wife Yadviga and son-in-law Yuri Blank, whose wife Anna is six months pregnant, last week began a hunger strike to support his demands for treatment in the United States.

Leonid Yuzefofitch, pictured with his pregnant wife Ekatrina and their four children, recently began a hunger strike to protest the continued refusal of exit visas for the family.

Charny, who also has a heart condition and is the last of five orginal cancer patients organized as the International Cancer Patients Solidarity Committee by Montreal oncologist Dr. Gerald Batist, has been trying to leave the Soviet Union since 1979 to join his brother Leon in the United States.

Batist, Martin Penn, director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, MP Don Johnston and Bill Attewell, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, last week telephoned Charny from Attewell's Parliament Hill office.

Charny told them: "I can't find the words to express our gratitude for your concern for our case. The urgency of my concern is now matched by the risks to my wife and son-in-law."

Leon Charny last week began a vigil in front of the Soviet embassy in Washington. In an open letter to "all peace-loving people of the world," Charny says his brother's health has deteriorated.

"I do not want my brother to be the next victim in this ongoing tragedy of the Soviet cancer patients. I ask the whole world to view the plight of my brother and other dying cancer patients as a test of the humanity of the Soviet government. The treatment of my brother and other cancer patients, the most frail and defenceless individuals, shows the true face of this country."

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In Washington, Soviet emigre Alex Slepak of Philadelphia began a 17-day hunger strike — one day for each year his parents have been in refusal — March 27 near the Capitol building.

Vladimir and Maria Slepak — he has been called the spirit, heart and mind of the Soviet Jewry movement — have been Refuseniks allegedly for possessing state secrets but he has not worked at a research institute in 18 years.

During his hunger strike, Slepak will be supported by The United States Committee to Free Vladimir Slepak, whose honorary chairman is Elie Wiesel, and various other human rights groups.

In an open letter to Gorbachev, the younger Slepak writes: "The truth, Mr. Gorbachev, is that you hold a grudge against two citizens whose careers, lives and health have been destroyed. Tnat indeed is an undignified image for a government that talks of a spirit of openness. My parents have been humiliated physically and mentally assaulted and separated from their family. They have endured five years of isolation and bitterness of Siberian exile not because they committed a crime, but merely because they expressed a desire to gain freedom."

He said his fast is designed to focus renewed attention on the plight of two people who only want to be allowed to reunite with their children in the West.

"Is it too much to ask that you allow these grandparents to spend their remaining years with the five grandchildren they have never seen? ... Surely they have suffered enough."

First time in USSR

Cantor sings for Refuseniks

By
MARTIN KROSSEL

Offered mini-concerts of live Jewish music

BOSTON —

For the first time, a cantor has brought Jewish music to Refuseniks in the Soviet Union.

Cantor Roy Einhorn gave nightly mini-concerts of liturgical and other Jewish songs at the homes of individual Jews who have applied for exit visas. Einhorn is the cantor at Boston's Temple Israel. His wife Jodi, the daughter of Mel and Malcha Sufrin of Toronto, is also a cantor at a Boston synagogue.

In an interview, Einhorn said that his visit provided the first opportunity for many of the Refuseniks to hear live Jewish music. A cantor does lead High Holiday services at Leningrad's synagogue. But most Refuseniks do not attend, because it is claimed the services are run by the KGB.

Einhorn was one of a delegation of six on a trip sponsored by the New England Board of Reform Rabbis and his congregation. Last year, Temple Israel's two rabbis visited the Soviet Union, and it is hoped that someone from the congregation will visit the Refusenik community on an annual basis.

Einhorn said that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's much-publicized reforms have not filtered down to Soviet Jews. Anyone who applies for an exit visa still loses his or her job. Most Refuseniks are able to find work, but at wages that are much lower than they could earn in their own professions. As a result, most of them must hold two or three jobs to make ends meet.

Einhorn emphasized that Soviet Jews are not starving, but in many cases they could only offer their American guests small, simple meals.

Refuseniks with 18-year-old sons have another problem. Boys of this age are drafted into the army where they will be especially harshly treated if their parents have applied to emigrate. Thus, Refuseniks withdraw their application once their children have been drafted. Soviet law prevents them from again applying for permission to leave until three years after their sons have been discharged from military service, Einhorn said.

The Boston group was in the Soviet Union while American Phil Donahue was taping programs for his daily talk show. One of these was going to feature a debate between 300 Refuseniks and 300 other Jews who claimed that Jews were treated well by Soviet authorities. The Refuseniks were looking forward to using the Donahue show to get their message across to the American public, even though they feared that individuals making statements that were too negative might be in trouble with the Soviet authorities. Some felt that those who appeared on the Donahue show might quickly get permission to leave the Soviet Union.

But as the date for taping neared, the Refuseniks were forced to reduce the number of people that could be brought into the studio. Eventually they were told that only 25 would be allowed in.

As Einhorn explains it, the Refuseniks are not allowed to have any formal organization. There was no mechanism for them to decide who would appear. Participating in the program would have threatened the solidarity of the Refusenik movement. So they withdrew en masse, and American viewers only saw Soviet Jews who talked about how good life is in the Soviet Union.

However, Gorbachev's reforms seem to have had an effect at the customs office. The Boston delegation was able to bring virtually anything into the country. Each of the six travelers had nearly 50 pounds of luggage consisting mainly of articles to be given to Soviet Jews. Only books about the Soviet Union itself are not allowed into the country.

Einhorn said authorities confiscated copies of The Russians by former New York Times correspondent David Shipler. But just one year earlier, the delegates had most of what they had brought for Soviet Jewry seized at the airport.

At the present time, the prospects for the future of the Refuseniks are unclear. On one hand, Einhorn said that some of them believe that Soviet Jews will be allowed to leave only if the West, particularly the United States, remains militarily strong. On the other, there are those who believe that more Refuseniks will be let out if the Soviets and the U.S. sign an arms control agreement.

For his part, Einhorn is trying to encourage more Jews from the West to visit the Refuseniks. He is now trying to arrange a mission through the American Association of Reform Cantors.

Einhorn believes in stronger bilateral relations between the Soviet Union and the United States. "Since these two superpowers have the world's biggest arsenals, they have to keep talking to each other."

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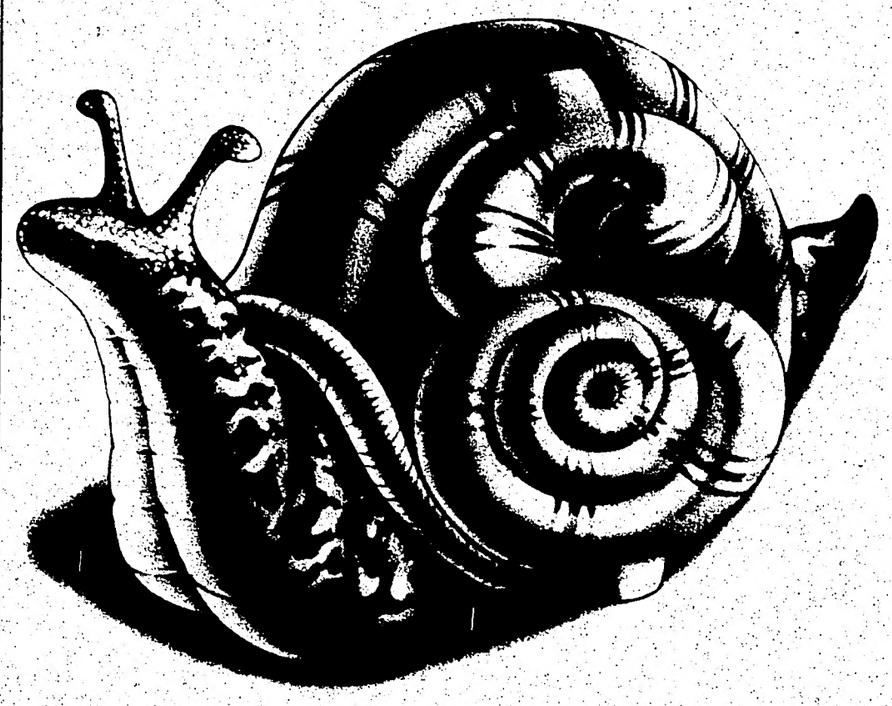

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Why do we read Parshas Parah before Passover? Almost 2,000 years have passed since we had one. So why read it?

In Judaism, we pray for things that take a long time to come. We pray for the coming of the Messiah. We pray for the return to Zion, for the rebuilding of the Beth ha-Mikdash, for the day when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation." So, let's read Parshas Parah and hope that we will have this sacred form of purification.

Rabbi Burak

Even without that, the call to purification is not at all out of place in an impure world. Here is an example as to the deeper meaning of the concept of purity, from the Midrash 'Asarah Harugei Melucha edited by Moshe Hershler, in Sefer Margalios, Jerusalem, 1973, page 90.

The topic under discussion is the birth of that exemplary man, Rabbi Yishma'el Cohen Gadol, the High Priest. It seems that his father, Elisha Cohen Gadol, was childless. Elisha's wife was a noble woman who conceived children, but none ever survived. This pained her gentle soul, and was much on her mind.

Her husband could escape from this anguish by pursuing his holy vocation. But, she stayed at home, saw that others had children, while she had none. That hurt.

One day, she spoke to her husband about their misfortune. She wanted to know why other people in their class were blessed with living children, while they could give birth only to dead ones. When her husband explained that the others lived holy lives, she asked what was involved in this concept.

He explained to her that their friends lived pure lives, practiced ritual immersion, engaged in holy thoughts when they went to bed and during coitus. Said she, "Let us live the same way." And they did.

"One day, this saintly woman went to the mikvah, and dipped, and came out, and she saw a pig in front of her. She went back to the mikvah, dipped again, came out and saw a camel before her. She went back, dipped again, and on coming out she saw a leper before her. Forty times did she go back to the mikvah.

"At the end of the fortieth immersion, God spoke to the Angel Metatron: 'Go down and stand before that saintly lady, and say to her that this night she will conceive a male child, and his name shall be Rabbi Yishma'el Cohen Gadol. . . .' One who acts this way, sees an angel, and talks with an angel, can give birth to a Yishma'el Cohen Gadol.

A footnote by Hershler makes the point that this practice of returning for another immersion in the mikvah following a chance meeting or visual sighting of something unclean is incorporated into the Code, Y.D. Chapter 198, paragraph 48.

A similar concept can be seen in Tractate Berachos, 20A: "Rabbi Yohanan was accustomed to go and sit in the gates of the mikvah. He said: 'When the daughters of Israel come up from the mikvah, they look at me, and will have children as handsome as I am.' " He was a saintly man, but modesty prevented him from talking about that.

When one watches blue movies all night long, when one is glued to a TV screen where the main stars are never sure of the paternity of their offspring, when one sees all that uncleanness, one needs to return to the mikvah. But, can it be washed out of the system?

That's part of the agenda for the days before Passover: clean out all the chometz.

In wake of Deschenes report

Press govt. for action: BB's Matas

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Jewish community and others interested in bringing war criminals to justice must change the focus of their advocacy to press the government to implement the remedies it has already accepted, according to a spokesman for B'nai B'rith Canada.

David Matas, legal counsel for the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith, said last week "we can't carry on as we did before. We can't advocate *everything* in order to get *something* done."

Matas suggested that a new ranking of priorities was in order so that persuasion could be brought to bear to implement the remedies which Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn said the government was ready to accept such as changing the Criminal Code to allow for the prosecution in Canada of war criminals.

Matas said other remedies suggested by Justice Jules Deschenes which the government has rejected, such as changing Canada's extradition laws, should be put on the back burner for now.

Matas said there was no reason the government could not follow through on its promise to "immediately" introduce legislation to amend the Criminal Code. He said Parliament should be encouraged to adopt the Code changes proposed by Deschenes and not delay while it "begins a mammoth intellectual study" on the definition of "war criminal." There is a danger that suspects will flee before the law is changed, he warned.

Matas also urged the government to extradite those suspects — there are "at least some" — where such requests exist. Though Justice Minister Hnatyshyn declined to accept Deschenes' recommendation to alter Canada's extradition laws, there are provisions under existing treaties to hand over war criminals, Matas said. One case cited by Deschenes was of a request from Czechoslovakia, with whom Canada maintains an extradition treaty (CJN March 26).

Matas said extradition was Deschenes' preferred remedy for dealing with war criminals because of the closer proximity of European countries to the crimes and easier access to evidence.

Matas, who represented the League at Commission hearings, also called for the release of the still secret Rodal report. The study, prepared by Ottawa historian Alti Rodal, examines how war criminals came to Canada. It was submitted on Dec. 30 by Deschenes to the Prime Minister's Office along with his 966-page public report.

Other points made by Matas in an interview with The CJN:

• where the Commission report did not deal with an issue, the government should be encouraged to follow it up anyway. Deschenes did not discuss cross-checking lists of war criminals with files in Canada of driver's licences, tax returns, old age pension recipients and other lists to see if names coincided.

• where the government did not respond to a Deschenes recommendation, it should be encouraged to do so. Deschenes called for amendments to the Old Age Security Act to allow investigators to obtain pension information that is secret under current rules. That was a problem in the Helmut Rauca case making it difficult to find the former SS sergeant who was eventually extradited to West Germany for war crimes.

• where the Commission's recommendation was "wrong," a case should be made out outlining the error. Deschenes divided war criminal suspects into two lists, Matas said: those against whom East European states made allegations and those against whom no allegations were made. Where no allegations were made, Deschenes refused to refer the names to those East bloc governments for further information, Matas said. Investigators should do so, he suggested, subject to assurances that the names remain confidential and that other safeguards be met.

• where the government rejected Commission recommendations, it should be encouraged to reverse its position. Matas said the Canada-Israel extradition treaty should be amended to allow Israel to request transfer of war crimes suspects. Under current terms of the treaty, only crimes committed after 1967 are extraditable.

Matas added that the Citizenship Act and Immigration Act should both be amended pursuant to Deschenes' recommendation so war criminals can be stripped of their citizenship and deported without having to prove they fraudulently entered the country.

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SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (JTA) —

A superior court has cleared the way for the extradition to the Soviet Union of Bohdan Koziy, a native of the Ukraine who fled the United States for Costa Rica after being accused of war crimes, the World Jewish Congress reports.

Koziy was stripped of his American citizenship in 1982 following a trial in Florida in which eyewitness testimony described his murdering a Jewish family — including the point blank shooting of a 4-year-old Jewish girl — while a member of the Ukrainian police which operated under the Nazi occupation forces.

In June 1984, the U.S. justice department obtained a court order of deportation against Koziy, but he escaped to Costa Rica, where the Soviets asked for his extradition to stand trial. A lower court had previously rejected the Soviet request, but the Superior Penal Tribunal of Alajuela reversed that decision and has ordered Koziy's extradition.

Door opens for PLO

By
VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY, Australia —

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke has assured Australia's Jewish leaders that no representative of the PLO "who supported or promoted acts of terror or violence" would be allowed to enter the country.

His declaration left open the loophole that a member of the PLO who could show that he did not support terrorism would, in theory at least, be allowed into the country.

Reports have been circulating of late that the government is to relax its vigilance regarding the entry of PLO members in a bid to balance recent pro-Israel decisions on its part. Hawke was clearly seeking to dispel such fears.

"Any visa application from a representative of the PLO would of necessity cross my desk and be personally vetted by me," he assured the country's Jewish leadership. "Given the record of the PLO, all such applications from that organization would be treated with particular caution and the criteria for entry rigorously applied on a case-by-case basis."

If he did not receive an assurance that the applicant did not support PLO terrorism and would not promote violence while in Australia, he would not be permitted to enter the country.

Hawke pointed to the existing guidelines laid down in his government's controversial Visitors Policy, forbidding the entry of any individual who has planned, perpetrated or been associated with acts of terror.

The delegation which met the prime minister was led by Zionist Federation of Australia president Mark Leibler and executive Council of Australia Jewry president Leslie Caplan.

Hawke added that in his view Israel could not be expected to negotiate with the PLO until that organization formally accepted UN Resolutions 224 and 338, recognizing Israel and renouncing terror.

"I believe that although the PLO has come to the realization that Israel can no longer be physically destroyed, it has no role to play in negotiations until it adopts these basic points as policy," he said.

"Of course, should it do so, it would not be the same organization and there would be an obligation on Israel to recognize it as a party to any Middle East negotiating process."

Lavi project expenses said to hinder air force

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

A secret report by the state comptroller several months ago warned that the Lavi fighter plane project could seriously impede the Israel Air Force because of its rapidly escalating costs, and sharply criticized the judgment and decision-making process of all involved with the Lavi, Haaretz reported recently.

According to the state comptroller, the cost of developing the Lavi increased by 148% between 1980 and 1985 and the estimated production cost per unit soared by 108% in the same period.

The comptroller's report charged the Israel Defence Force general staff and the IDF chief of staff with failure to grasp "the whole picture" or to realize "the damage to the IDF's overall resources" financing the Lavi would cause.

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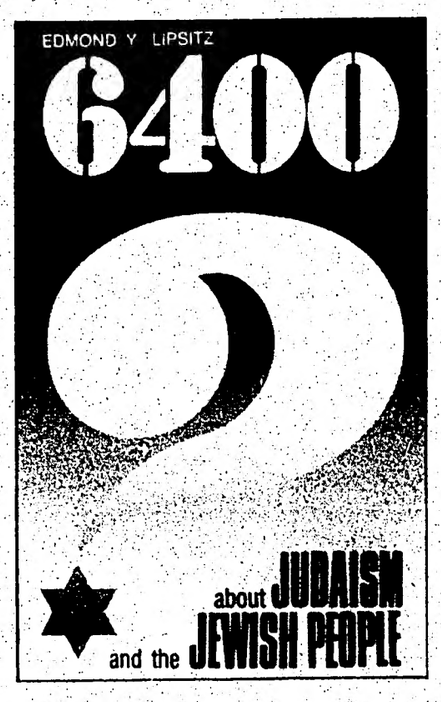

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Much new information on Holocaust, says Netanyahu

UN head urged to reconsider decision on files

By YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israel contended here last week that "the decision and responsibility" regarding the granting of free public access to United Nations files on Nazi war criminals lies with Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The secretary-general recently rejected Israel's request to open the files at the UN archives on war criminals to public scrutiny, contending that the nations which were members of the long-defunct War Crimes Commission (including Canada) had objected to it (CJN March 26).

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, told a press conference he hopes that de Cuellar will reconsider his decision in view of information obtained by Israeli researchers who examined more than 300 files obtained by Israel last May from the UN archive on war criminals. The UN archive, located in downtown Manhattan, contains some 40,000 files on suspected Nazis and their collaborators.

"Yad Vashem researchers have determined that public access to the files would generate a significant amount of new information regarding the Holocaust," Netanyahu said. He said that a thorough investigation of 347 files revealed the extent of information regarding the Holocaust that reached the West before the war's end.

"File 79/P/G/16 describes the destruction of hundreds of thousands of Jews at Treblinka concentration camp. It was delivered to the UN War Crimes Commission on April 24, 1944," the ambassador said. Similar information on the mass murder of Jews at Maidanek and Belzec concentration camps was delivered to the commission on June 3, 1944, Netanyahu noted. World War II ended in May 1945.

Yad Vashem researchers also discovered, according to Netanyahu, lists of personnel who ran the camps; the nature and amount of property confiscated from European Jewry by the Nazis; the number of victims and survivors of the Holocaust; information on the sondergrichte — the special German courts in occupied Nazi territories; official reports, unknown until now, detailing Nazi policy on European Jewry and the camps; and new details on Nazi medical experiments.

"Public access to the files is indispensable to establish a more accurate record of that historical period," Netanyahu declared. "The present rules of confidentiality prevent widespread research into this material and its publication and dissemination."

He added: "Unfettered access to the files would facilitate the work of government agencies pursuing and prosecuting Nazi war criminals by providing new historical accounts and legal documents."

The Israeli envoy noted that many of the files were written in English. "This is highly unusual and would benefit many young researchers not fluent in German, Polish, Czech and other East European languages," he said.

Netanyahu, confirming the fact that only Australia, out of the 17 nations who were members of the War Crimes Commission, agreed to the opening of the files, was asked why, in his opinion, the majority of the former members of the commission objected to the opening of the files. "I can assume that some of the findings will be unpleasant to individuals and to governments," he answered.

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TORONTO — The Canadian office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center has sent a letter of protest to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark protesting Canada's recent vote to seal United Nations war crime records.

The war crime records were assembled by the UN War Crimes Commission which operated in London from 1943-48. The UN has rejected an Israeli request that the files be opened to the public. A total of 17 countries voted that Israel's request be denied.

"It makes no sense for Canada to deny Israel and other nations access to this information, particularly when Canada itself is about to launch its own program of prosecution of war criminals," said Sol Littman, Canadian representative of Simon Wiesenthal Center. "We are denying ourselves valuable information which could be extremely useful in future prosecutions.

"Inadvertent or not, one branch of our government seems to be obstructing another," said Littman, "I wonder if Mr. Clark consulted Justice Minister Hnatyshyn before signaling the UN vote?"

Littman predicted that efforts at secrecy will be futile. "A number of agencies, including our own, have obtained copies of the UN master list which will confirm whether an individual is listed in the UN files and indicate the nature, place and date of crimes with which the individual is charged," said Littman. "Our copy of the list is being alphabetized and computerized and will soon be ready for public use."

Nazi war criminals discussed at Hadassah-WIZO meetings

MONTREAL — For the first time, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO held southern conferences in Hollywood, Fla. and Palm Springs, Calif.

More than 300 women attended the 9th annual Florida conference, which this year was chaired by Marcia Shapiro.

Dorothy Reitman, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, spoke about the Deschenes Report and the federal government's refugee and immigration policies. Hadassah made her a life member.

Keynote speaker was Evelyn Sommer, president of WIZO-USA and a WIZO representative at the United Nations. She spoke about Nazi war criminals in the United States and the UN's resolution equating Zionism with racism, and noted that Vernon Walters, U.S. ambassador to the UN, has introduced a resolution — supported by 32 countries — to rescind it.

Sommer said Canada can have an important influence on how Third World countries view this issue.

About 240 women attended the Western conference, chaired by Bess Panar, national general secretary. Yitzhak Eldan, deputy consul general of Israel in Los Angeles, discussed his recent meetings with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who had been visiting Los Angeles to speak to 1,000 Israelis living in the area.

National president Cecily Peters, who also attended the Eastern meeting, reviewed the history and achievements of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.

TV host and personality Monty Hall, honorary chairman of the Male Life Associates, was presented with a sculpture by Israeli artist Frank Meisler in recognition of his work for the Canadian organization.

National executive vice-president Lily Frank stressed the need for the Diaspora to guard against apathy and to keep up the support of schools and day-care centres in Israel as a way of ensuring the future of Hadassah's vital services there.

Among those in attendance at the first Canadian Hadassah-WIZO southern conference held in Palm Springs, Calif. were Lily Frank, national executive vice-president, Monty Hall, Cecily Peters, national president, and chairman Bess Panar.

Expedite refugee claims: CJC

OTTAWA — Senior officials of Canadian Jewish Congress met recently with Employment and Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard to express concern over the government's handling of the refugee status determination.

The CJC delegation consisted of president Dorothy Reitman, executive vice-president Alan Rose and Frederick Zemans, chairman of the National Law and Social Action Committee.

They urged that cases of "legitimate refugee status claimants be processed expeditiously."

Reitman told Bouchard that the Jewish community is committed to a generous policy on refugee status determination and endorses the "Hawkes model," which proposes a system designed to deal with illegitimate claims quickly while assuring a fair hearing and a right to review for bona fide claimants.

"The return of legitimate refugee status claimants to countries of civil unrest is morally unacceptable. Canada must honor its obligations in terms of the Geneva Convention," Zemans told the minister.

The CJC officials suggest Canada convene an international conference to devise a humanitarian solution to the refugee problem and that the minister appoint an advisory committee of concerned Canadian non-governmental organizations.

Reitman reiterated the CJC position that a "green paper" on immigration policy be drawn up which would give Canadians an opportunity to respond.

Austria anti-semitism poll

VIENNA (JTA) — A survey conducted by Austria's four major opinion poll institutes showed that seven out of every 100 Austrians are self-declared anti-semites.

The survey of a cross-section of the population, totaling 9,000 people, sponsored by the Austrian National Bank, showed that the lowest rate of anti-semitism — 4% — was in the 14 to 29-year age group and the highest among those over 60.

Only 3% among those with higher education had anti-semitic feelings, while 8% among those with lower education harbored the same feelings.

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Asia Pacific Jewish Association plays vital role

Group helps isolated Far Eastern communities

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Eight Jewish adults live in the town of Noumea in French New Caledonia that rises out of the South Pacific four hours by airline from Australia's major cities.

Papua and New Guinea, to the north of Australia and as distant from Melbourne and Sidney as Noumea, is home for 15 Jews. Commerce, academia, a coffee plantation, and a travel agency are among their pursuits for livelihood.

Journalist Sam Lipsky of Melbourne who is familiar with the tiny Jewish groupings in the vastness of the Far East says "their common desire is some Jewish contact, and to hear a rabbi at least once a year." They send their children to Australia for Jewish education, he says.

Noumea and Papua are among "communities" of Jews affiliated with the Asia Pacific Jewish Association (APJA) which labors for their preservation by inter-communal contacts and support, Lipsky said in an interview during a recent visit to Washington where between 1969-74 he was the correspondent for both The Australian and The Jerusalem Post.

Range of services

He is now a commentator for Australia's National Nine TV and the magazine Bulletin Newsweek of Australia after seven years as editor of Australian-Israel Publications.

The APJA, says Lipsky, who is its vice-president, "tries to provide the whole range of Jewish services within the limit of expense" for the isolated groupings. "It is the central point of contact for help. Assistance for Jewish education is its primary function."

Prominent Australians like Isi Liebler, the founding chairman of the APJA, and Michael Cohen, its full-time executive director, also strive through personal contact and organizational techniques, to maintain Jewish life on a wider regional basis. Modern communication and transportation help greatly.

APJA conducts conferences to foster improvement in regional understanding. The first was held in Singapore three years ago and the second was held in Hong Kong in March.

"Our hope is that this will be a regular forum for Jewish and non-Jewish Asian scholars to come together and it's happening," says Lipsky.

Forty scholars, 22 of them non-Jews, were invited to the Hong Kong conference whose topic was The Jews and Asia — Old Identities, New Images. Its convenors were Liebler and Prof. Yoram Dinstein, rector of Tel Aviv University.

The participants were former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser; Sir Zelman Cowan, the former governor-general of Australia; Prof. Muri Matzu of Tokyo; Thenan Kheman, former foreign minister of Thailand; Prof. Wang Gong Wu, vice-chancelor of Hong Kong University; and Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, the nuclear physicist and former minister of science and technology in Israel.

Apart from Australia's 90,000 Jews, India with 4,500, New Zealand with about 4,000, none of the other communities in APJA number more than 800 committed members.

APJA, B'nai B'rith and locally provided estimates indicate Hong Kong has 220 families in its Jewish Recreation Club; the Philippines 80 families, nearly all in Manila; Thailand, 75 families compared with 100 in 1984 and all in Bangkok except for about 20 persons in Chingmai; 200 in South Korea, nearly all in Seoul and a handful in Pusan; 800 persons in Japan with about 600 in Tokyo and most of the remainder in Kobe and Osaka; 160 families in Singapore plus about 50 Israeli families that are primarily itinerant; about 100 persons in Taiwan.

China with a billion people has perhaps two score of Jews working as journalists, commercial agents, teachers or in U.S. government services. Possibly half that live in mainly Moslem Indonesia which once had visible groupings in several cities when the country was under Dutch rule.

Malaysia, also mainly Moslem, once had a thriving community in the seaport of Penang when the country was under British rule. Perhaps a half-dozen Jews are in Penang now and even fewer identifiable Jews in the capital of Kuala Lumpur.

Pacific region rabbis accept Orthodox rules

HONG KONG (JTA) — Orthodox Judaism achieved a minor victory in this unlikely venue here recently when rabbis from around the Pacific region resolved to subordinate themselves halachically to the Orthodox Melbourne and Sydney batei din.

The rabbis, from such far off communities as Singapore and Tokyo, decided to submit all their conversions and divorces to these ecclesiastical courts for halachic endorsement.

The rabbis, meeting under the auspices of the Asia Pacific Jewish Association (APJA), founded their own rabbinic fraternity and said it would be open to all members agreeing to accept the Australian batei din's authority.

Rabbi Michael Schudrich of Tokyo, a graduate of the (Conservative) Jewish Theological Seminary of America, said: "I care about my converts. I want them to be recognized internationally." He expressed confidence that his own teaching program for would-be converts would meet the Australian batei din's requirements.

Rabbis Isaac Ben Zakin of Singapore, Meir Bensoussan of Hong Kong, Schudrich and other regional rabbis present conceded that by no means were all of their congregants Orthodox, but they believed that if they as rabbis were dynamic and caring their congregants would not interfere in halachic affiliation.

All agree to further talks

Peres, PLO supporters meet

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

For the first time in his official capacity, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has met several leading Palestinian supporters of the PLO.

The Palestinians were Jerusalem newspaper editor Hanna Siniora, Gaza Strip lawyer Faez Abu Rahme and educator Sari Nusseihbeh of Jerusalem.

"I told them we were ready to talk and negotiate with the Jordanians and the Palestinians . . . with both of them, without prior conditions and without shooting," Peres said last week.

"It's either ballots or bullets — you can't have both."

Peres and his three guests agreed on the need for an international Middle East peace conference, but Siniora said there was disagreement about Palestinian representation.

"We stressed that in any solution, the PLO is the representative of the Palestinian people and should be represented, and his view is that he would like to see a non-PLO delegation," Siniora said.

All agreed to hold further meetings.

Earlier, Siniora was one of four Palestinians who attended a meeting with Labor MKs Abba Eban and Ora Namir at the King David Hotel. The others were Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem and two Nablus businessmen, Said Kanan and Bassel Kanan.

The six signed a joint statement calling for peace talks within the framework of an international conference which would include "legitimate representatives of Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian people." The statement said "a peace settlement must contain elements meeting the legitimate security rights of Israel and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

The meeting was smaller than anticipated.

Several key figures from the administered territories did not attend because they refused to sign a statement which made no mention of the PLO.

Siniora indicated he was taking a personal risk by signing on.

"I know there are dangers involved, but I am willing to go ahead because I value peace much more than war," he told reporters.

Labor MK Haim Ramon, an outspoken dove, said he stayed away because a meeting without PLO representation was flawed to begin with. According to Ramon, the basic weakness of all recent meetings between Israeli policymakers and leaders of the Palestinian community lies in their divergent attitudes toward the PLO.

"Whereas the Palestinians by and large stick to the PLO as the 'sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people,' Israeli leaders want no contacts whatever with the PLO lobby in the territories," Ramon said.

But Eban was optimistic. "We have decided to step up the pace of dialogue," he said. He warned, however, that it was an illusion to believe the continuing impasse does no harm.

Herut reelects Shamir but rivalries simmer

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Premier Yitzhak Shamir was unanimously reelected leader of Herut at the party's convention here Sunday. There was no opposition.

The proceedings were conducted in good order, in sharp contrast to the scene a year ago when the convention broke up in chaos before any ballots were cast and Shamir, then foreign minister, had to be escorted from the hall under a police guard for his own protection.

But rivalries continue to simmer and may become apparent when ballots for other key party posts are counted. Shamir appealed to the 2,000 delegates to vote for the three incumbents, all cabinet ministers, and to spurn the Knesset members challenging them.

The party has been in turmoil since Menachem Begin resigned from political life in 1983. Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy is seeking reelection as deputy chairman of Herut. He was opposed by Herut MK Meir Cohen-Avidov. Minister of Commerce and Industry Ariel Sharon was opposed for the office of central committee chairman by MK Eli Ovadia, who also is mayor of Afula. MK Yoram Avidor challenged Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Arens for the post of chairman of the party secretariat.

Shamir, in a brief, impassioned speech, vowed that the administered territories would belong to Israel forever. He denounced any form of international conference for Middle East peace and reiterated that Israel would never, under any circumstances, negotiate with the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

Nazi probe bill in U.S.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Legislation to investigate how Nazi criminals were allowed into the United States has been introduced in Congress.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Barney Frank, would establish a 7-member commission selected by Congress and the President which would enjoy special subpoena powers giving it access to evidence and testimony from the various intelligence agencies. The commission would issue a report on its findings of smuggling of Nazis by U.S. intelligence agents and recommendations.

"For far too long we have been trying to get answers to well-documented allegations that the U.S. government in some cases assisted Nazis and their collaborators to enter the United States," Frank said. Frank, who first introduced the bill in November 1985, told the JTA that some congressmen opposed the bill because of concern about embarrassing findings. He hopes this year the bill will enjoy the strong support of Rep. Peter Rodino, chairman of the House judiciary committee. The bill is cosponsored by Rep. Stephen Solarz.

Rodino said a "committee with full subpoena powers is essential if we are to get to the bottom of the government's policy of quietly admitting and protecting Nazis and their collaborators."

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Three Arab terrorists launched an attack in the heart of Jerusalem on April 2, 1984, firing submachine guns and hurling grenades. The spontaneous response of the populace helped avert disaster.

West Jerusalem, the heart of the Jewish return to the Holy Land, has been a particular target of Arab terrorists since the 20s. Mufti Amin Al Husseini, leader of Jerusalem's Arabs until the 1948 war of independence, roused his followers to strike at Jews. Five Jews were killed in 1920, six in 1929, 12 in 1936, nine in 1937, and 12 in 1938. The Jewish Agency exerted all its efforts — sometimes unsuccessfully — to prevent reprisals by Jews. When bombings and attacks increased with the prospect of an independent Jewish state, the Agency itself fell victim: on March 11, 1948, an Arab car bomb in its compound killed 13 Jews.

Nearby Ben Yehuda St., Jerusalem's commercial centre, and intersecting King George St., suffered continually. An Arab rampage on Dec. 2, 1947, wounded dozens and destroyed over 40 shops. A massive bomb on Feb. 22, 1948, killed 52 Jews.

Streets packed

Attacks persisted throughout the 50s and 60s. The reunification of Jerusalem in 1967, in which Jews and Arabs mix more or less freely in the city streets and on its buses, multiplied security problems. The city's citizenry and police continue to uncover and defuse an average of one bomb a day. Some escape detection and go off.

A religious policeman casually told this reporter there that "it is by the grace of God that we find as many as we do."

Favored sites for Arab bombers include: the central bus station, teeming with commuters; the shuk, West Jerusalem's main open-air produce market; the city's buses, particularly crowded during rush hour and on High Holiday and festival eve; and the Ben Yehuda-King George-Jaffa triangle, now also a tourist, art, and recreational hub of the city.

April 2, 1984, was two weeks before Pesach and close to Easter. It was a Sunday, the frenetic first day of Israel's work week. The streets were packed. It was a fine spring day for clothes and gift shoppers and for the swell of tourists. A warm sun stimulated winter-weary residents into thronging outdoors. Just before 10 a.m., three terrorists burst out of a shop and launched a swathe of bullets and grenades towards the St. George-Jaffa intersection.

A communique was issued almost simultaneously from Damascus by the Moscow-supported Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. It described an attack on the King George St. ministry of tourism building. "Commando units" were said to have stormed the building and to be holding everyone inside hostage, including the ministers of tourism and commerce, in exchange for the release of Palestinian terrorists in Israeli prisons.

Seven minutes

In actuality, the rampage was all over in seven minutes. Shopkeepers fired back, killing one of the terrorists. Security police, out in their heaviest number on a Sunday, seized the other two. In their 90-yard rampage, the terrorists injured 45 passersby, one of them critically. Despite their hail of ammunition, no one was killed. Most of the wounds were described as light; 14 people stayed on in the hospital past Sunday. Newscasts that night featured ebullient citizens recounting the speed and effectiveness of their response.

In its editorial titled "Target Jerusalem," the Jerusalem Post raised the alarm that citizens were no longer threatened solely by "suspicious objects . . . They need to fear suspicious persons too, who are prepared to take their own lives while taking others."

Time showed the event to be an isolated one, as Arab attacks resumed the form of bombs and, in mixed Old City crowds, stabbing in the back.

Events planned for tragedy turned the day into a kind of national celebration. In a year beset by economic disaster, financial scandal and growing political upheaval, April 2 remained a very bright spot on the calendar.

Rosenne replacement blocked

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Meir Rosenne, the seasoned Israeli diplomat who has been in the centre of high and low points in his country's relationship with the United States during his four years in Washington, ends his tour of duty at the end of May, it has been officially confirmed.

However, his future in Israel's foreign service and his successor are undecided, according to a well informed Israeli source here.

While Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has notified Rosenne of the change in the ambassadorship, none of the four nominees selected by Peres to replace him has been approved by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The source noted that while the Labor Party has frowned on appointment of political figures to the ambassadorship in Washington and Shamir had named Rosenne, a career diplomat, to the post, the four named by Peres are politicians.

Rosenne is Israel's eighth ambassador to Washington. He succeeded Moshe Arens, a Likud member who is now minister without portfolio in the unity government. Arens was preceded by Ephraim Evron, Simcha Dinitz, Yitzhak Rabin, Avraham Harman, Abba Eban and Eliahu Elath, the first envoy.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — **Abba Eban has politely declined a proposal that he become Israel's next ambassador to the United States, a post he held from 1950-59.**

The suggestion was made by Likud MK Eliahu Ben-Elissar that one of the three former envoys to Washington now in the Knesset be named to succeed the current ambassador Meir Rosenne, inasmuch as Labor and Likud have been unable to agree on a successor.

In addition to Eban, they are Simcha Dinitz and Moshe Arens.

Asked by an Israel Radio reporter if he would take the job, Eban replied, "No, thanks." The same response is expected from Dinitz and Arens.

Trotsky descendant

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **The great-great grandson of Bolshevik revolution leader Leon Trotsky was born to an Orthodox couple in Kiryat Arba, near Hebron recently.**

The infant's father, David Axelrod, is the son of Trotsky's grandson, Sergei Sedov. His mother is Anat Axelrod, a Yemenite woman David married after he came to Israel from the US and became a baal teshuvah (born again) observant Jew.

Leon Trotsky, who became an arch enemy of Stalin, was assassinated in Mexico on June 22, 1941, the day the German army invaded Russia.

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Editorial

Alberta and Saudis

Press reports indicate that the government of Alberta has entered into negotiations with Saudi Arabian business interests in order to effect closer ties between the province and the oil-rich nation.

Larry Shaben, Alberta minister of economic development and trade, noted that the province was interested "in focusing on possible technology transfers related to computers, oil and gas, telecommunications, processed foods and agriculture."

The Alberta minister made this statement after he led a trade delegation which toured Saudi Arabia, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

It is always important for countries to be on the lookout for new markets for manufactured goods, technology and natural resources.

The province of Alberta has been hard hit in recent years as a result of the oil glut and the drop in petroleum prices. It is therefore praiseworthy that the province's ministers are actively promoting business and trade.

The obverse side of this coin, however, is that Saudi Arabia is notorious for its malignant adherence to Arab boycott doctrines.

Although ostensibly directed against Israel, the Arab boycott has secondary and tertiary aspects to it which discriminate against Jews wherever they may live.

The government of Manitoba discovered this when one of its agencies attempted to sell the Saudis telephone technology. The uproar directed against the government in Winnipeg was legitimate.

Before the Alberta officials enter into contractual arrangements with the Saudis or any other Arab government they should be absolutely certain that no discriminatory covenants against Jews form part of those agreements.

Shaben said in his report on the trade delegation visit that "a closer economic relationship between Alberta and Saudi Arabia would assist both regions in their diversification plans."

Not if the cost of that closer relationship involves singling out Canadian Jews for discrimination.

Disgraceful move

In 1948 the Allied War Crimes Commission handed over to the United Nations 38,000 files dealing with war criminals.

Among those files was an "A" list of 25,000 people about whom the Commission felt there was sufficient evidence to warrant prosecution.

In 1946 the Commission decided to remove the list from the secret category because it recognized that these archives were important for historians and researchers.

Despite this eminently reasonable decision, the United Nations decided in 1949 to seal off the files from public scrutiny. Only governments were to have access to the data in question when they had specific names under investigation and the inquiry was to be conducted only on a strictly confidential basis.

As A. M. Rosenthal points out in The New York Times (March 22) it was the World Jewish Congress which focused interest on the UN dossiers when it concluded that the Allied War Crimes Commission had sufficient evidence to prosecute Kurt Waldheim for the murder of Yugoslav partisans in World War II.

Nine months ago Israel asked for and received confidential access to 300 files; Israel also asked the UN to open up the files for the use of scholars, journalists and historians.

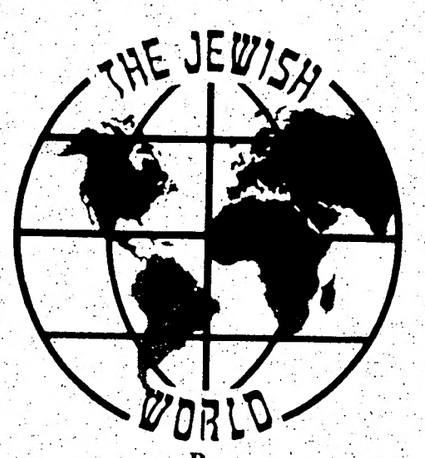
The UN secretary-general, Javier Perez de Cuellar, after consulting with member nations which formed the Allied War Crimes Commission, has flatly refused because of the potential Pandora's box which would be opened.

Canada, we must report with chagrin, is listed among 14 countries, including Czechoslovakia, Poland, the United States, Greece, France and Belgium which supports the UN decision.

In the wake of the Deschenes Commisson report, which represents a forward step in Canada's concern about war criminals, this country's support of the UN decision to bar public access to the Allied War Crimes Commission files is both retrogressive and disgraceful.

U.S. Jews "feel doubly betrayed"

Pollard case breeds anger



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Pollard affair has sown palpable tension in the usually close relationship between Israel and American Jewry — the worst since the Sabra and Shatila massacre in Beirut.

That chilling event, which was something of a metaphor for Israel's mistakes and misjudgments in the 1982 Lebanese war, mushroomed into a greater crisis when U.S. Jews, in concert with many Israelis, demanded the establishment of a judicial committee to study the cold-blooded murder of Palestinian refugees by Lebanese Christian militiamen allied with Israel.

The then-Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, resisted, justifying his position with the offhand remark that the killing of "goyim" by "goyim" was not Israel's concern. Begin, who had championed Israel's invasion of Lebanon, was unable to discern the moral imperatives of Israel's involvement, however indirect, in the Phalange murder of Palestinians.

Eventually, Begin changed his mind, bowing to pressure in the form of demonstrations by Israelis and calls by American Jewish leaders to reconsider his stance.

The subsequent formation of the Kahan Commission was hailed by Israel's friends as proof that the forces of justice and democracy were alive and well in the Jewish state.

But behind that relief lay the realization that Israel's credibility had already been badly compromised by the events leading up to Sabra and Shatila.

In the Pollard case, deafening silence gave way to outright indignation.

Cracks begin to appear

Embarrassed silence reigned in Jewish communal community circles after Jonathan Jay Pollard, a U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, was arrested in front of the Israeli embassy in Washington in November of 1985.

The Israeli government disavowed any official link with Pollard (a Jew with strong Zionist inclinations, and the son of a renowned Notre Dame University microbiologist), claimed that he had been part of a "rogue" operation, apologized for what had happened and promised to cooperate with the U.S. in getting to the bottom of the matter.

The Reagan administration buttressed this view first by accepting Israel's explantion and then by suggesting that U.S. relations with Israel, which have positively bloomed in the past few years, would be unaffected by the spy scandal.

These developments were like balm to mainstream Jewish leaders, who've assumed that a Jew can be be a good American and a good Zionist without arousing undue resentment or suspicion on the part of non-Jews.

Cracks began to appear in the facade earlier this year when Pollard, from his prison cell, told a syndicated journalist, Wolf Blitzer, that he had been abandoned by Israel, and the U.S. government indicted Pollard's Israeli handlers for their role in the scandal.

Jonathan Jay Pollard

Curiously comparing himself to an Israeli pilot who had bailed out in enemy territory and had not been picked up, Pollard disclosed that he had given Israel incredibly valuable information about Arab military capabilities... data the U.S., as an ally, should have automatically conveyed to Israel.

Furthermore, Pollard asserted that the highest levels in the Israeli government had sanctioned his activities as a spy.

Pollard's confessions set off a round of anguished soul-searching in Jewish communal circles, balanced by the comforting but self-deceiving thought that Pollard (and his wife, Anne, an accomplice) would get off fairly easily.

On March 3, a day before Pollard was sentenced to life imprisonment and his wife given two 5-year concurrent jail terms, a federal grand jury in Washington announced that Col. Aviem Sella and Rafael Eitan, who had "handled" Pollard, had been indicted in the simmering affair.

As if these developments were not shocking enough, the media disclosed that Sella and Eitan had recently been rewarded with plum jobs — Sella to command the second largest Israeli Air Force base at Tel Nof, near Tel Aviv, and Eitan to preside over the board of state-owned Israel Chemicals.

In strictly professional terms, the appointments may have been justifiable.

Sella, a decorated pilot, took part in a dogfight against Soviet pilots over the Suez Canal in July of 1970 during which he downed a MIG-21. Later that year, he flew a reconnaissance mission over Syria, becoming the first Western flyer to take aerial photographs of the SAM-6 anti-aircraft missile. In June of 1981, Sella commanded the raid that resulted in the destruction of Iraq's nuclear reactor. He was on a "study leave" in New York City when he helped recruit Pollard.

Eitan, long a Mossad agent, was an advisor to an Israeli Prime Minister on terrorism.

No responsible leaders in the U.S., either in the government or in Jewish communal circles, were particularly thrilled to hear that Sella and Eitan, who had allegedly done their work without the approval of the Israeli cabinet, had been treated with kid gloves.

Calls for an inquiry made by Israeli politicians and U.S. Jewish leaders were rebuffed, then acceded to, by the troika that effectively governs Israel — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

By this point, a consensus had emerged in the American Jewish community that Israel had been reckless and stupid in spying on its best friend and in recruiting an American Jew to do it.

"That Israel recruited an American spy who was Jewish is a serious breach in the relationship between our two Jewish communities, one that none of us ever regarded as remotely possible," said Theodore Mann, president of the American Jewish Congress.

Still more criticism came from Arthur Goldberg, the former Supreme Court justice, and Philip Klutznick, a onetime president of the World Jewish Congress.

"I think it has been very poorly handled by Israel," said Goldberg. "First they described it as a 'rogue' operation and then they promoted both those characters (Sella and Eitan). That wasn't very sensible. It shows a lack of sensitivity."

Klutznick said he was disappointed that Israel had betrayed Pollard. "...the least they could have done was to try to help the kid out."

Perhaps the harshest censure of Israel's behavior was leveled by William Safire, a conservative, pro-Israel columnist who writes for The New York Times.

Safire, a Jew, observed in a March 9 column: "The Israeli leaders who recruited (Pollard) to betray his country, or who had guilty knowledge of his recruitment, dealt a terrible blow to the security of Israel by jeopardizing its relationship with its superpower ally."

"Jewish Americans feel doubly betrayed," he added. "Most of us are offended first as Americans at the spectacle of having our foreign dollars used to buy U.S. secrets. We are betrayed again by the easy exploitation of Mr. Pollard's Zionism by Israeli spymasters blind to the immorality of inducement to treason and the consequences of being caught."

The specifically Jewish dimension of the Pollard controversy was played out for an international audience in the pages of The Jerusalem Post.

Shlomo Avineri, a Hebrew University professor and ex-director-general of the Israeli foreign ministry, condemned Israel for using Pollard. But, having said that, he charged that "a degree of nervousness, insecurity and even cringing" has surfaced among U.S. Jews, belying "the conventional wisdom of American Jewry feeling free, secure and unmolested in an open pluralistic society."

In response, Theodore Mann suggested that Jewish reaction "emanates from anger at the Israelis, and not from fear for their own security."

The Pollard case, Mann went on to say, "shows a disdain for American Jewry by the Israeli leadership that is profoundly insulting."

A glance at the Anglo-Jewish press in the U.S. reveals three fundamental impressions:

•Earl Raab, a columnist for the Northern California Jewish Bulletin, writes that Israel damaged itself rather than American Jews.

•The Jewish Week of New York condemns Israel and the U.S. — Jerusalem for using Pollard and then deserting him, and Washington for creating a need for Israeli espionage.

•Writing in the Detroit Jewish News, David Holzel says that the Pollards should be deported to Israel. "Let them go there now and live out their days there, free from the conflicts which plague American Jews."

At this writing, even after damage-control missions to Israel by the Anti-Defamation League and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Pollard affair continues to roil Israel's relations with American Jews and the U.S. government.

Anyone who believes that it will fade away without further clouding the atmosphere is under a grand illusion.

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CJC opposes reintroduction of capital punishment

Death penalty would escalate society's brutalization

DANIEL S. GOLD, of Toronto, a member of the national law and social action committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, comments here on the federal government's plan to allow debate on capital punishment in the House of Commons.

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More than two years have passed since Prime Minister Mulroney promised to hold a free vote in Parliament on the question of restoring the death penalty. With the government's announcement that the long-awaited debate in the House of Commons will take place in the coming weeks, the issue has become a popular topic of discussion. And already there are indications that the debate will be as emotionally charged as it was the last time around, when Pariament abolished the death penalty in 1976.

Where does the Jewish community stand on this issue? The Canadian Jewish Congress, at a plenary session comprising representatives of Jewish communities across the country, decided last year to adopt an official stance in opposition to the reintroduction of capital punishment. What kind of reasoning lay behind this decision?

Any analysis of this subject should begin with one simple question: What is the purpose of the death penalty? Some supporters say it is useful as a deterrent. But all available evidence indicates that when capital punishment was revoked over a decade ago, the rate of homicides in relation to other crimes actually declined. And it is not hard to see why. Most murders in this country involve "crimes of passion" — tragic situations where people in highly agitated states act in the heat of the moment against victims to whom they are emotionally attached. Nobody in that kind of circumstance gives any meaningful thought to the consequence of his actions or the penalty to be paid.

Other types of killers, such as terrorists and assassins, who are supposed to be deterred by the severity of the punishment, are among the least likely to be put off by the threat of death — if anything, martyrdom may be an attraction.

Would not state execution ensure that convicted killers do not repeat the offence? Certainly. But a well-designed prison system provides ample protection for society without resorting to state killing. And besides, murderers as a group have one of the lowest rates of recidivism in comparison to the total criminal population.

Proponents of capital punishment argue that it is the appropriate stance to demonstrate society's disapproval of certain violent crimes and to affirm the value society places on the sanctity of life. Does society promote respect for life by itself engaging in spectacular, violent, premeditated killing? For those who argue the punishment should "fit the crime," why would they say it is barbaric to cut off a thief's hand or to exact "an eye for eye" but "just" and "righteous" to kill a killer?

You will hear the name Donald Marshall mentioned many times during this debate. He is the Nova Scotia native who was in prison for 11 years for a murder he did not commit. Can anyone be sure the judicial system will never make a similar mistake again? For a juror, it must be bad enough to look back and to see what a tragic miscarriage of justice took place. Imagine if Marshall had been put to death. The decision to convict is one few of us would want on our conscience (which may explain why juries in retentionist jurisdictions are apt to acquit in capital cases at a higher rate than juries in abolitionist jurisdictions — a tendency which speaks against bringing back the death penalty if the guilty are to be convicted).

Does this issue evoke a special response among Jews? Our history and traditions are brought to bear on the matter. Proponents of capital punishment cite biblical references to stoning, burning, hanging and strangulation as forms of punishment prescribed by Jewish law. What they often fail to mention, however, is that a careful examination of the Talmud reveals that discussions of the death penalty appear to be strictly academic and that rabbis in the Talmud and in the Sanhedrin were actually among the first abolitionists!

Rabbi Robert Sternberg, former national director of the religious affairs department of Canadian Jewish Congress, in an article entitled Capital Punishment and Halacha, quotes the following passage from the Mishna: "A Sanhedrin that puts a man to death once in seven years is called a murderous Sanhedrin. Rabbi Eliezer ben Azariah says this is true even of a Sanhedrin which puts a man to death once in seventy years." Is it then argued that after the destruction of the Temple, the Sanhedrin was forbidden from inflicting any kind of capital punishment.

Is it really surprising that the rabbis resolved these questions of halachic interpretation in favor of life? Not at all, if one considers that the sanctity of human life lies at the heart of Jewish values. The notion of deliberately causing the death of another human being is, simply put, contrary to Jewish tradition and beliefs. As for the modern era, Jews of this century, of all people, should be repelled by the legitimization of any government policy of systematic, state-ordered death.

The position adopted by the Canadian Jewish Congress recognizes that instead of reducing violence, the reintroduction of capital punishment would only serve to escalate the level of brutalization in society. It would signal an abandonment of hope for improvement and a rejection of fundamental values that most Canadians — not only Jewish Canadians — believe in.

People everywhere can demonstrate their concern by contacting their MPs and by urging them to vote against the resolution approving in principle this repressive and uncivilized measure.

Congress' Silverstone praises Deschenes

Criminal Code change must be priority

On March 12, the federal government released the long-awaited Deschenes Commission report on Nazi war criminals living in Canada. In this analysis of the 966-page document, JACK SILVERSTONE, national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, examines the report and its repercussions.

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The Deschenes Commission report and the government response to it ensure that Canada will no longer be a safe haven for suspected Nazi war criminals.

The most salient findings and recommendations, juxtaposed with the government commitment to enact legislation, are to provide adequate resources to investigate and try suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada and to take other legal measures as needed, depending on the individual cases.

One of the report's major recommendations is that suspected Nazi war criminals be brought to justice according to criminal law in Canada. This element, trial within Canada on the basis of a Criminal Code amendment, can serve as a model for other democratic countries in dealing with the perpetrators of some of the most heinous crimes in the history of mankind.

As Justice Jules Deschenes himself said in his report: "Psychologically, there would be an advantage in using the Criminal Code as the vehicle for the prosecution of war criminals in Canada. One would at once avoid any image of military courts and wartime procedure; one would discard the prospect of short-circuiting the Canadian legal process or of downplaying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; one would reassure the faith of the citizenry in the rule of law and would show the international community the respect of Canada for its primacy."

The preparation and introduction of an amendment to the Criminal Code must be a priority. In our view, it should be tabled forthwith, and given apparent all-party support. There is no reason why it cannot be law before Parliament's summer recess.

This does not mean that Canada would be unreceptive to an extradition request from a country such as the Federal Republic of Germany, where a precedent already exists in the Rauca case. However, the report's recommendation, coupled with the minister of justice's stated preference for a made-in-Canada solution, would indicate that the Criminal Code amendment will be the primary vehicle to allow for the bringing to justice of suspected Nazi war criminals.

One must keep in mind that extradition, while a valid, operative and proven remedy, depends upon a request from a state interested in receiving the individual. If such a request is not forthcoming, extradition cannot be effected. However, its value in certain cases must not be minimized, and an expansion of this legal avenue was one of the report's recommendations.

Denaturalization and deportation are also among the Deschenes Commission's recommendations. It is not a complete solution in that the country to which the suspect is deported is not obliged to put him or her on trial. Nevertheless, this route may prove useful in certain limited respects, and Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn, in his statement in response to the Commission's report, pledged to proceed to address the ". . . problem of those individuals whose citizenship has been obtained through demonstrable fraud."

Another vital area addressed in the Commission report is the allocation of sufficient resources within the structures of the administration of justice to ensure bringing suspected Nazi war criminals to justice. The minister of justice, in a statement in the House of Commons indicating the government's agreement with this recommendation, assured Canadians that the RCMP and justice department will be provided with the resources to get the job done.

On reading the Report, one gets no extended view of the historical context of the war criminals in Canada issue. This is because a study prepared by historical researcher Alti Rodal of Ottawa on this very topic has remained secret. It should be released. This will dispel any lingering negative perception of secrecy, of trying to hide the past. Indeed, the justice minister has stated his intent to make that document public.

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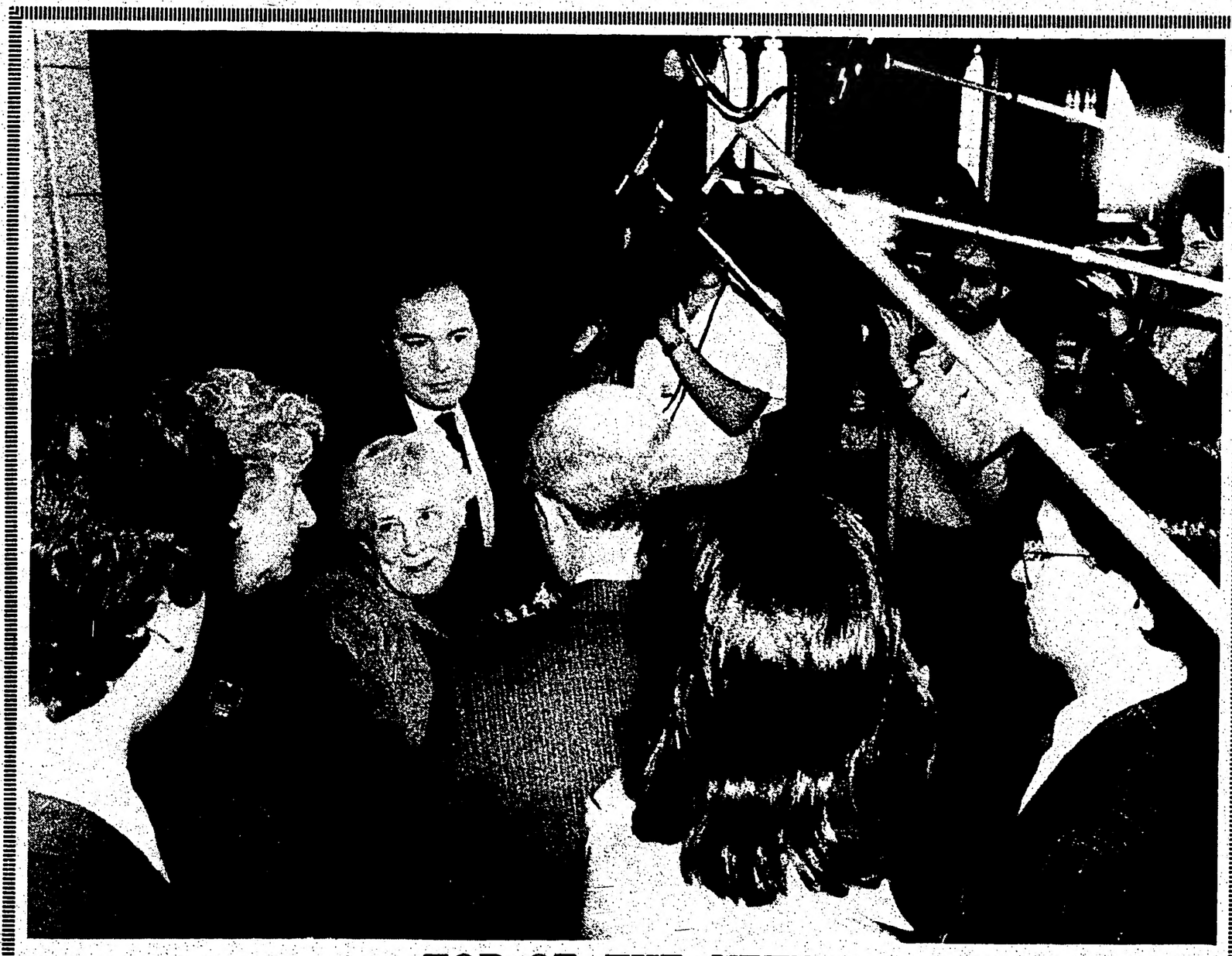
In summary, what has the report of the Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals achieved for Canada? Firstly, individuals, Nazi or otherwise, who have been contemplating coming to Canada to avoid justice for the crimes they perpetrated elsewhere, will be deterred. Those who have already gained admission will be subject to Canadian law. Those who were confident of their ability to elude their criminal past, those who felt that they had succeeed in thwarting the goals of international justice are no longer comforted.

Canada owes a debt of gratitude to Judge Deschenes and his associates, who labored long and hard to develop a positive and useful blueprint for action. The government enabled that important task to be discharged. The establishment and work of the Deschenes Commission will surely be recorded as a legal and political milestone in Canadian history.

The battle for justice must and will continue. Forty years after the war is late, but not too late for justice. An international momentum of sorts today exists in attempting to bring suspected Nazi war criminals to account for their crimes. Canada can now assume its proper role as a leader in this movement for justice.



TOP OF THE NEWS

Ida Milgrom, mother of Natan Scharansky, was big news in Canada recently, as this photo indicates. She's surrounded by the media during a "scrum" outside the House of Commons. [Howard Kay photo]

Opinion

New Israel consul-general in Toronto was director

Abileah proud of technical cooperation program

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Give a hungry man a fish and he will eat for a day; show him how to catch fish and he will eat for the rest of his life — An ancient Chinese proverb.

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Israel's technical cooperation program is now 30 years old, and the Israeli diplomat who administered it until his recent arrival in Canada still marvels at its achievements.

Since its inauguration, about 55,000 trainees from no less than 112 countries have studied Israel's approach to such subjects as agriculture, irrigation, health care, rural and regional development and environmental management, while 10,000 Israeli advisors have gone abroad to dispense knowledge in these fields.

Benjamin Abileah, who took up his post as consul-general in Toronto last month, describes them with a sense of proprietorial pride.

Last year, when he was director of the foreign ministry's division for international cooperation, known as MASHAV, 912 trainees from about 60 countries went to Israel to take nearly 50 different courses given in English, French and Spanish.

And as of 1986, some 30 Israeli advisors and their families were posted overseas — running malaria-control projects, teaching water-harvesting techniques, building rural cooperatives, establishing early childhood education centres, managing experimental arid-zone farms, planning medical programs and introducing new methods for increasing egg production.

A career diplomat, Abileah is proud of all of these programs, but he seems pleased with one in particular. "We operate four eye clinics in four countries," he said. "And we have treated 300,000 patients, performed 12,000 operations and saved the eyesight of 50,000 people," he noted in an interview the other afternoon at the Israeli consulate in downtown Toronto.

Israel's technical cooperation program, which may be the largest of its kind on a per capita basis, is tightly controlled. "Our budget in 1986 was $8 million," Abileah said. "We're very cost efficient. Our costs are at least one-third less than other international development agencies. That's the greatness of our program."

In the face of across-the-board budgetary cuts last year, MASHAV actually increased its activities, he disclosed. "We did this by stepping up joint projects with the U.S., (West) Germany and Holland."

Canada, too, is working hand in hand with Israel. MASHAV and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) have begun to identify programs that both can jointly administer.

Compared to other developed donor nations, Israel has advantages in several significant areas of interest to many Third World countries, according to a Canada-Israel Committee booklet written by David Weinberg.

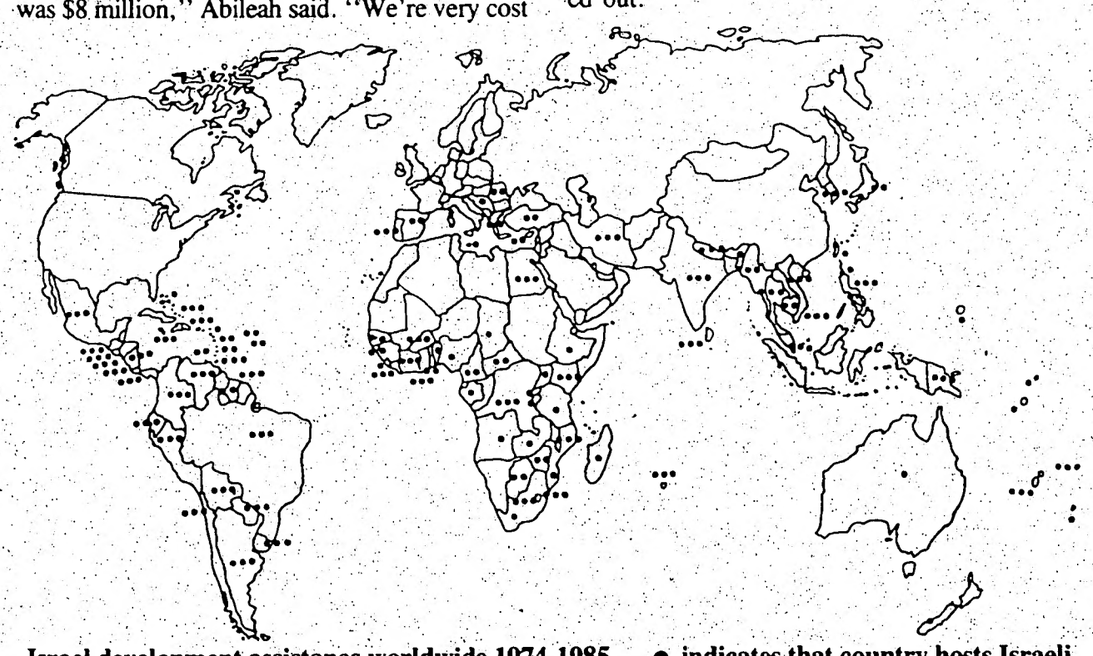
- Israel's experience in building national institutions to assist in the transition from colonial to sovereign status is widely acknowledged.
- Israel's arid and semi-arid climate bears resemblance to many developing countries.
- As a nation of immigrants, Israel can provide experts familiar with most nations.
- Israel's economy is a more suitable and adaptable model for developing lands
- In all its programs, Israel emphasizes training and education as compared to the simple allocation of funds.

The program, which was developed when David Ben-Gurion was Prime Minister and Golda Meir was foreign minister, is based on humanitarian and pragmatic considerations.

"Israel, which is small and poor in natural resources, must have a very universal outlook and do its best to be a worthy member of the family of nations," Abileah said. "We must offer what we can in the way of knowhow and research capability to needy nations. We do this quite freely."

Many developing countries, particularly in Black Africa, admire Israel's technical skills and solicit them even in the absence of formal diplomatic relations, he added.

When a succession of African leaders severed diplomatic ties with Israel immediately before and after the 1973 Yom Kippur War, they were careful not to cut all their links with Israel, he pointed out.



Israel development assistance worldwide 1974-1985 — ● indicates that country hosts Israeli exports or Israeli training programs or that country has trainees in Israel. [Taken from Dialogue for Development]

Benjamin Abileah

Commercial and trade relations were not disrupted by the political exigencies of the day, and, of late, Israel has been able to make something of a comeback in Africa.

Africans careful not to cut all their links

Indeed, Abileah said, one-third of the 912 trainees who studied in Israel in 1986 were from countries that do not have full-fledged relations with Israel. "We feel this is due to the channels that remained open with friends in those countries," he said.

Abileah, 56, has been cultivating friends for Israel since joining the foreign ministry 25 years ago. The son of East European immigrants who settled in Haifa in 1926, Abileah has filled jobs in Cyprus, the Philippines and the U.S.

Prior to being posted to MASHAV, he worked in Los Angeles and in New York, then as counselor for congressional affairs at the embassy in Washington (Later, he was consul-general in the American capital.) They were turbulent times. He arrived in Washington just three days after the Israeli Air Force bombed, and destroyed, Iraq's nuclear reactor. The reaction on Capitol Hill was less than enthusiastic.

No sooner had he settled down than he was busy lobbying against the Reagan administration's proposal to sell advanced reconnaissance planes to Saudi Arabia — a battle Israel and its supporters would lose.

Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon created a crisis in Israeli-U.S. relations. "It was definitely a low point for our relationship with Congress," said Abileah. "A very uncomfortable period, although we had many expressions of understanding."

He, personally, believes that the Lebanese war was inevitable, and he justifies Israel's decision to advance toward Beirut.

Abileah, the father of a married daughter and a son who serves as an officer in the artillery corps, does not feel that the Jonathan Pollard spy scandal in the U.S. has exposed the American Jewish community to charges of dual loyalty, nor damaged Israel's relations with its chief benefactor.

In his estimation, Jews in the U.S. will continue to be able to exercise their prerogative to be both Zionists and Americans. "I feel confident that this case won't change feelings, although certain hostile elements will try to take advantage of this situation."

And Abileah evinces no signs of erosion in Israel's all-important friendship with the U.S. "It (the Pollard affair) won't change the basic conceptions of our relationship."

From 1974 until 1978, momentous years in the slow march of the Middle East toward peace, Abileah was deputy spokesman in the foreign ministry.

"I consider myself to be fortunate to have been part of that peace-making process," he said.

When Henry Kissinger, the U.S. secretary of state, shuttled around the region trying to arrange disengagement agreements between Israel, Egypt and Syria, he was there in the thick of things.

And Abileah witnessed the arrival, in 1977, of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

For Abileah, Sadat's trip was "like a moon landing experience." As he put it: "Like most Israelis, I was elated by his visit and appreciated the moment of history. Everything that happened then was continuously new and upbeat."

Abileah was unaware that his boss, Moshe Dayan, had traveled to Morocco to set the stage for Sadat's visit."I found out about it 48 hours before it happened. I got a call from someone in the ministry who said, 'He's coming.' I knew what he meant."

Under Abileah's direction, preparations were made to accommodate the flood of journalists who would pour into Israel to cover the event. "It was the biggest media happening in Israel," he recalled. "Israel showed itself at its most efficient in this operation."

Here in Toronto, Abileah wants to accomplish several goals — to form good relations with the Jewish community, to facilitate opportunities for Israeli expatriates to return to their homeland, to "interpret" Israel to all Canadians, and to expand Israel's economic, technological and cultural links with Canada.

He and his wife, Ruth, arrived in Toronto on the eve of Ottawa's decision to bar the Israeli military attache in Washington, Gen. Amos Yaron, from fulfilling similar duties in Ottawa. "Frankly, I was surprised," he said. "We felt that he had been legitimately appointed. I don't think we envisioned Canada would find fault in that."

Being a diplomat, he prefers to say no more than that about the touchy matter.

Australian Jews propose foundation

China hints at desire to study Jewish affairs

By
DAVID LANDAU

HONG KONG (JTA) —

The People's Republic of China has hinted that it would like its academics to study Hebrew and Zionism in Western universities, and a group of leading Australian Jews proposes to launch a foundation to facilitate this.

The hints were dropped during recent informal contacts between the Jewish activists and key Chinese academics who are also involved in the Beijing government policymaking. The Australian Jews, led by tourism tycoon Isi Leibler of Melbourne, want to involve the World Jewish Congress in their effort. Leibler, who has traveled to Beijing at the head of an Australian Jewish delegation, believes that a serious cultural dialogue between the two peoples would contribute, in the longer term, to political normalization between the People's Republic and the Jewish people.

Top Chinese academics have indicated to Leibler and his associates that they are aware of, and concerned over, their country's profound unfamiliarity with Hebrew scholarship and Jewish affairs at the academic level. They expressed their active interest in sending young scholars abroad to attempt to fill this lacuna.

One small but symbolic step in the direction of cultural dialogue was the participation here recently of Chinese Jewish writer Sidney Shapiro in the Asian-Jewish colloquium, a biennial event organized by Leibler and his Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs.

Shapiro, an American who moved to China in 1947 and recently produced a book on the ancient Jewish community of Kai Feng, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that while he did not represent Beijing at the colloquium, his presence at the gathering was indeed intended as a goodwill gesture by China.

Meanwhile, Israel's top China-watcher has appealed to Asian Jewish communities to help Israel by providing a framework for a preliminary dialogue with China and other regional states with which Israel has no formal relations.

Reuven Merhav, consul-general in Hong Kong, told the Asia Pacific Jewish Association (APJA) that the Chinese recognize Jewish solidarity — with world Jewry and with Israel. While a move towards diplomatic recognition was not imminent, Merhav said, there were niches where Israel and China would usefully trade and cooperate. He urged Jewish businessmen in this region to help Israel identify such niches.

Merhav charged that Israeli governments had neglected the vast and growing potential of Asia. Jerusalem should send out its best diplomats, he said, and they should buckle down to learn the realities of the region.

The APJA embraces a dozen small — some tiny — Jewish communities under the leadership of Australia.

Opinion

Spying is very bad business—but a very old one

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Uncle Eliezer's Thursday Night shvitz sanhedrin has, sorry to relate, also fallen victim to the vacation craze. As a result the regular Thursday night shvitz sessions become only pathetic reminders of the fully-attended sessions that have gained world renown.

J. B. Salsberg

But, at last, winter has ended, the shvitz buddies have returned and the famous gatherings have resumed with all the pomp and circumstance that they are famous for: shvitz, rubdowns, immersions and, most important, with its repast and intellectual discussions.

It was, therefore, inevitable that Mendle, uncle Eliezer's bosom friend, should raise the issue of "spying" at the first reunion. All this because of the disturbing, ill-starred and "bungled" Jonathan Pollard spy case in the U.S., an affair that humiliated the Israeli government and profoundly disturbed and angered American Jewry.

The discussion was hot and prolonged. Opinions expressed ranged from views that spying should be outlawed globally; that Jews shouldn't engage in that sort of thing; that Israel had no business spying on America, its major ally and supporter; and that kind-hearted but simple-minded Israelis should not have appealed publicly for funds to aid Pollard!

In short, the shvitz sanhedrin concluded that it was an all-around, massive, shlim-mazeldiker SNAFU!

As usual they came to me for an opinion and with the request that I deal with what troubles them in this column. As usual, also, we talked and talked for hours while consuming a river of tea and lemon and, also as usual, I agreed to fulfil their wish even though this column has already dealt with the general aspects of this issue. And, as usual, I will offer only the most abbreviated version of my advice to the shvitz buddies.

First: that spying, as such, is admittedly bad, bad business; that no decent person, let alone Jews, should have anything to do with it. But, let's face it; it's an old, very old practice that dates back thousands of years, even to the times when our forefathers wandered in the desert for 40 years.

Yes (and keep this under your hat), the Bible tells us that our forefathers sent three spies (meraglim they were called) to reconnoiter the Promised Land. But, the Bible further tells us, when our "boys" suspected that they were being followed they sought and found refuge in, of all places, a notorious "house of ill fame."

The dame that operated that "house" did indeed hide them and enabled them to leave the Promised Land safely and to return to their base in the desert where our leaders were happy to welcome them back and use their "intelligence" that helped the ancient Hebrews in the war of liberating the Promised Land that followed soon thereafter.

In appreciation of what that dame did, her name, Rochav, is inscribed in the Bible to this very day and she and her family were showered with gifts and privileges when the children of Israel triumphantly entered that city.

So, you see, spying is an old profession but it depends for whom the spying is being done . . .

In my view there is more spying today than ever before. It seems that every country is spying on its neighbor, its friends, its enemies and its future enemies.

In fact, scores of spies are caught every year. As a result of this there has sprung up a well-recognized and time-honored system of "spy exchanging." You frequently read about country A offering to exchange, say, six apprehended spies of country B for an equal number of spies of country A that country B keeps in its prisons. It's a time-honored practice . . .

There is, however, a set of rules that guides such matters. First, countries whose spies are caught promptly deny that they engaged in spying. Second, spies caught must not violate the code of denying all charges. It's a case where everybody is lying and everybody knows that everybody is doing it.

Furthermore, spying has now become legitimate in industry, in stock exchanges (as in Wall Street recently), or between husbands and wives when planning divorces. It's all reminiscent of the old theatrical song: "Everybody is doing it, doing it, doing it."

So let's not lose perspective. Spying is, of course, bad, very bad. No country should engage in it, least of all Israel, that has a population that can't resist championing everyone who does anything that appears to be favorable to Israel — even spies.

To my good uncle Eliezer, his friends and all other good and moral friends I say: Yes, it was a monstrous SNAFU; yes, it should never have happened; but let's realize that we live in a sinful (zindikeh) world. This, too, shall pass.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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SHNORRER OR CHEAPSKATE?

Re the venom spewed by M. L. Mador in his Feb. 26 letter headed "Grayheads grab for freebies":

Most of us have been paying taxes most of our lives. A lot of us were in the armed forces during World War II, and certainly are not healthy enough to continue working.

It sounds to me as if he does not like paying what our government requires to do what they have to do. He may not be a shnorrer, but if he is as cheap as he sounds, let him try to find a better country than Canada to live in.

Bill Perlove
Toronto

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BEWARE OF AGE, SIR!

This is in reply to letter-writer M. L. Mador who calls seniors like myself shnorrers:

You sound, sir, as though you might be very young and are worried whether there will be anything left in the pot for you when you reach old age.

If so, I have been paying for health insurance and pension plans for longer than you have been around.

When your turn comes, will you get in line for what you call your share of "charity?"

Don't cry, sir. With some luck, you too will make it.

Morrie Schliffer
Toronto

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CLAIMS WE FAN FLAMES

The Feb. 26 front-page story headed "Chief Rabbis blast Reform" served no other purpose but to fan the flames of fragmentation and anger among Canadian Jews.

Placing this story on the front page was a serious error in judgment and the publication of a platitudinous editorial in the issue of March 5 does not compensate for the damage that has been caused.

Andrea Stringer
Hamilton, Ont.

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RABBIS TALK TO GOD?

Re those Israeli Chief Rabbis who blast the Reform rabbis:

Never have I read such a dribble of diatribe.

They sound like Oral Roberts in the U.S. who claims to have a pipeline for his direct talks with God.

Leonard Cohen
Scranton, Pa.

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ISRAEL'S BRAINPOWER

Thank you for the excellent Feb. 19 editorial calling for the Israeli government to increase its funding to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

As the Hebrew University's representative to Canada, I find it inspiring to know that The Canadian Jewish News is standing firmly behind us, as we fight for the future of Israel's foremost university.

University underfunding is not unique to Israel. Canada's universities are also terribly underfunded, although not to the extent suffered by the Hebrew University.

The difference is that no single university in Canada plays as important a national role as the Hebrew University in Israel, a country whose only natural resource is brainpower.

Joel Alpert
Toronto

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Reader suggests that all Jews this Passover recall the words of the late Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir.

REMEMBER GOLDA AT SEDER

All Jews at the seder this Passover will symbolically drop wine from their glasses as they read the haggadah legend about the 10 curses inflicted on the Egyptians until they released the children of Israel.

I suggest that we all remember this Pesach what the late Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir said was the worst curse that the Arabs inflicted on the Israelis: "They provoked our children to become killers."

I also suggest this Passover that we all utter this prayer:

"Blessed shall be those who pray for freedom."

Herman Perl
Toronto

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REFUGEE BAN RED HERRING?

During the 1930s, my grandparents, immigrants from Poland, scrimped and saved to bring their families to Canada.

Four were brought over. But although the money had been saved, the remaining dozen or so parents and siblings were forced to remain in Europe. Canadians did not want them.

Where is the Canadian Jewish press during the present deplorable public outcry against immigrants/refugees?

As 50 years ago, economics is a convenient red herring disguising a thinly veiled racism. (Were those Tamils blond Swedes, would they have been treated as criminals or heroes?)

How can Jews remain silent when history repeats itself?

Chavi Karp
Toronto

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JAPANESE HELPED JEWS

I disagree with I. Josy's March 5 letter headed "Japan hostile to Jews."

Members of my family and friends found refuge during the Holocaust in Kobe and other cities of Japan.

Gerry G. Hamburg
Montreal

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DON'T ASK, JUST GIVE?

Re the March 5 letter from Toronto Prof. Arthur Kruger headed "We can't control Israel from outside" and subheaded "Pay $2 to become a Zionist":

The learned Prof. has quite simplistically analyzed the World Zionist Congress, its constituent organizations, the politics involved, and decided that the real role of world Jewry is "to give financial and moral support to Israel." Period.

According to him, in order to have any input into Israeli affairs, this calls for one to go on aliya; otherwise, give money and keep quiet, says Prof. Kruger.

His puerile dictum is that "ours is not to question why; ours is but to give and give and not question why."

Sam Hoffman
Toronto

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TRICKY SOVIET UNION

This is in reference to two articles which appeared in your issue of March 5.

On page 5, under the heading "Toronto Red Army protest bigger than expected," your reporter, Wendy Rosen, quotes the representative of the North American Jewish Students Network Moshe Ronen as saying: "The differences between the two groups is they are anti-Soviet, while we are pro-Jewish."

On page 29, the same Wendy Rosen, in an interview with Ben Prossin, quotes him as saying: **"We can never forget the Soviet Union is a totalitarian regime, which will do what it wants when it wants to achieve its own ends."**

Moshe Ronen would do well to give thought to the Ben Prossin statement.

Misha Allen
Toronto

VON BRAUN NAZI MAJOR

David Birkan performed an important service for your readers by reporting on the PBS TV program in his March 5 article, "Where are other 400 German rocket scientists?"

He omitted an important fact noted in the TV program that von Braun was an SS major, something which has been successfully concealed from us all this time.

As for his own question, I hope that he will get in touch with the U.S. Office of Special Investigations and the Wiesenthal Centre, in order to provide us with a definitive answer in due course.

Perhaps he will also be able to tell us how a suspected war criminal, like Arthur Rudolph, can escape to Germany without standing trial there.

Irvine Glass
Toronto

David Birkan replies: I may apply for a grant to do just that.

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POT CALLS KETTLE BLACK

Re Jerrold Landau's March 5 letter headed "Knocks Kadima's priorities":

As part of its well-orchestrated campaign to denigrate Conservative and Reform rabbis, Landau has taken the axe to the Kadima Reform Zionist Organization by snidely referring to aliya being listed last in its list of priority issues.

This, of course, is in marked contrast to the thousands of Orthodox Jews who are leaving North America and flocking to Israel!

As to his nonsensical accusation that Kadima "feels that it is more imperative to wage war on Orthodox institutions," this is really a case where "the pot is calling the kettle black!"

Who has sought to delegitimize the branches of Judaism other than Orthodox?

Orthodoxy and Mr. Landau are more than ever showing their true colors.

Carl Appel
Toronto

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MONTREAL JUDAICA NATIONAL

In your Feb. 19 issue, Mindy Avrich-Skapinker decries Toronto's inability to mount a graduate program in Jewish history.

The opposite side of the coin is that Montreal boasts two graduate programs in Judaic studies. Concordia University offers both an MA and a PhD in Judaic studies, and McGill University has an MA program in Jewish biblical interpretation as well as in Eastern European Jewish studies.

The two excellent graduate programs in Montreal universities should be seen as a national resource for Canadian Jewry, and not merely as a place for Montrealers to study.

Graduate education is too important a commodity to be parochialized. Irrespective of the prospects for graduate Judaic studies in Toronto, the Canadian programs already in existence deserve Canada-wide support.

Ira Robinson
Concordia University
Montreal

World-National

"Neither national, united nor a government"

Israeli scholar blasts the failings of coalition

By SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — Blaming the current rash of political problems in Israel on the lack of accountability or consideration for the consequences within the national unity government, Carleton University political science professor Dr. Yosef Lapid claimed that the government is "neither national, united nor a government."

Speaking recently at a public affairs seminar sponsored by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, Lapid, who is at the Ottawa university as a participant in the Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges, added that the leaders of the Israeli government are stalemating each other with their personal animosity. He said they've "fallen into autistic behavior."

Lapid admitted that the government has made improvements in a number of areas, but added that some of it was in style rather than actual position.

"To a great extent, the reason we did not proceed further in the peace process is that domestic problems and national cleavages created a paralysis in our capacity to respond and take leadership," he said. However, he added that there's no real reason to believe that the Arabs are any more amenable to talking peace now than they have been in the past.

From a security point of view, Israel is "in an excellent position now," he explained. "We should make peace when the balance of power is in our favor. It may not be better in the future."

Most of the world's current major leaders, including U.S. President Ronald Reagan, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and French President Francois Mitterrand are strongly pro-Israel. But most of them will probably not be in office in two years, Lapid predicted, and the picture for Israel may significantly change.

He also fears that the growing strength of "the religious motive in the Arab world and Jewish world is frightening and cannot be helpful to the peace process."

Lapid told his audience that he stood before them in a complexity of roles — as an Israeli, as a Jew born in Romania who also lived in the United States and as a professor of political science — which are not always consistent or compatible.

"My purpose here today is to help you understand the reflections, fears and concerns of an Israeli scholar," he said. "Political realism tells political leaders how to behave in certain situations. As a professor, I'm very critical of certain things the Israeli government has done."

He accused the Israelis of a lack of judgment and sensitivity regarding the Jews in the Diaspora and of sometimes acting in a manner that compromises them. Citing the Pollard affair with the United States as a prime example, he explained that Americans hate coverups more than they hate spying and the attempt to cover up this situation was what angered American Jews most.

Regarding South Africa, Lapid believes that Israel was remiss in not acting quickly on its own to cut ties with the apartheid state and in waiting to be pressured by the Americans to do so (CJN March 26).

When asked about Israel's responsibility to the South African Jewish community, he questioned whether there is any. These people "took advantage" of the apartheid regime and remained in South Africa when they could have left. Do they have the right to expect Israel to feel responsible for them? he asked.

Although others may caution Jews in the Diaspora and Israelis who are out of the country against speaking out about Israel's problem, Lapid feels it's his obligation as a scholar to do so.

"I believe the truth is to be considered as a source of strength," he stated. "Knowing your own weaknesses is important. It is only on our high common denominator of morality that Jews in Israel and the Diaspora find common ground. For me and for many others, it's not enough that Israel just be another country. I believe this for myself and not because of any double standard that anyone else established. Israel can exist with a higher morality."

Lapid faulted Israel and other Western leaders for being surprised by the growing strength of religious fundamentalism in the Arab world. The rise of Islam is not an accident, he said, it's long term and "very significant" and will probably spread through the entire Middle East. "Israel will have to come to terms with it.

"I'm afraid that there's no realization of what's happening; there's no proper monitoring of the trend by Israel or other Western countries. We have every reason to expect that it's durable and long term."

Israel also erred in sending General Amos Yaron to Washington as a military attache, Lapid believes. Washington delayed in granting him accreditation but finally did so and Ottawa (which shares this posting with the U.S.) refused. By not considering the consequences of naming the general, who had been found guilty of poor judgment in the Sabra and Shatilla massacres, Israel placed itself in a position of censure.

David Weinberg, director of research for the Canada-Israel Committee, told the audience that, next to the United States, Canada is Israel's best friend. The special affinity for Israel in this country is based on Canadians' appreciation of Israel as a democracy, rather than for any global or strategic reasons.

The new pro-Arab lobby in Ottawa is more sophisticated than its predecessors, he said. "It needs watching. If it's legitimate for us to lobby, it's legitimate for them to lobby. We just have to be better at it."

The seminar's third guest, Ellen Kachuck Rosenbluth, director of public affairs for B'nai B'rith Canada, spoke on the Deschenes Commission.

Rise of anti-semitic literature

ADL tells Japan of concerns

WASHINGTON(JTA)— Officials of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith have expressed concern to Japanese ambassador Nobuo Matsunago about the rise of anti-semitic literature in Japan.

They told Matsunago at a meeting here last week that the ADL wanted "to work with the Japanese by making available materials to reduce prejudice and stereotyping," according to Jess Hordes, ADL's associate Washington director.

Hordes was accompanied to the meeting at the Japanese embassy by Burton Levinson, ADL national chairman, and Abraham Foxman, associate national director.

Matsunago was "open and appreciative of the proposal and said he would convey it to the government," Hordes said.

The meeting was prompted by press reports in this country about a popular Japanese author, Masami Uno, who claims that his country's recent economic woes are due to a conspiracy by "international Jewish capital" and that Jewish-dominated interests have begun a "targeted bashing of Japan" (CJN March 19).

According to a recent article in The New York Times, Uno has charged that "America is a Jewish nation" and that Jews form a "behind-the-scenes nation" controlling major U.S. corporations, including IBM, General Motors, Exxon, Standard Oil, Ford, Chrysler and AT&T.

Other books and articles that have recently appeared in bookstores include titles like The Jewish Plan for Conquest of the World, How to Read the Hidden Meaning of Jewish Protocol, and Mysterious Judea.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What ceremony is held in the house on the night before the Passover festival?
2. What is the name of the white garment worn by the person conducting the seder on Passover?
3. What is the Hebrew word for the collection made before Passover to ensure the supply of Matzohs for the poor?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. The home is thoroughly searched for chometz (bedikat chometz).
2. Kitel.
3. Meot Hittim ("wheat money").

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, recently published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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Moment monthly will get new management

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — A Moment is about to pass into history, and another is to take its place. Recently, plans were finalized to transfer publication of the magazine Moment from the direction of its founder and editor, Leonard Fein, to that of Hershel Shanks, a lawyer, writer and editor who edits two scholarly journals.

Moreover, the place of publication is moving, from Boston to Washington, and a completely new staff will be placing its mark on the esteemed Jewish monthly.

The acquisition can be chalked up to the reality of finances. Despite a long struggle, Fein has not been able to keep Moment's financial resources on a solid footing, losing $200,000 per year. Moment is published by Jewish Educational Ventures, a charitable foundation that also puts out Response Magazine. The foundation's board — Fein, Steven M. Cohen and Carol Kur — will resign and be replaced.

Moment's current small staff will work through April 30. Fein and an assistant will continue through May 30, when they will put their final issue of July-August to bed. Then, on May 31, "the phone will be disconnected," Fein said with a sigh of obvious sadness.

The September issue of Moment will bear the name of Shanks on its masthead as the new publisher-editor. Suzanne Singer, now managing editor of Shanks' two lucrative journals, Biblical Archeology Review (BAR) and Biblical Review, will be executive editor of the magazine and the journals.

Moment's new managing editor will be Charlotte Anker, a Washington writer and editor, and Susan Laden will be executive director of operations, a position she now holds at the Biblical Archeology Society.

When Shanks first approached Fein with his offer, Fein was not interested, but after several lengthy discussions he changed his mind. Fein told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "after 12 years of fighting the good fight, I just couldn't do it. I've been sustained by wonderful, gracious and generous people, but it has been hard."

The 52-year-old Fein, an oft-published writer and author who has taught political science and social policy at MIT and Brandeis and was on the board of several major Jewish organizations, said, "It's been plain to everyone for a time that after 12 years of this kind of effort, I was not prepared to devote my time to fund raising. I did what I could with the help of really fine people, but it didn't get easier."

He said he thinks Shanks' "track record suggests that between his experience and his resources he may be better off to do what I couldn't do, which is to establish Moment as a solvent operation."

The outspoken man with the sharp wit, known to all as Leibel, is ambivalent about losing control of the magazine he began as an antidote to the "propaganda" he believes is milled out to the public. "This is not to say that I don't have mixed feelings. One doesn't end 12 years of obsession without second thoughts. This was my baby and I'm giving it up for adoption."

However, he said, "I have examined the credentials of the adoptive parent and found him worthy. I think that he can be a nurturing parent."

Sentences reduced

JERUSALEM (JTA) — President Chaim Herzog has reduced the life sentences of three convicts of the Jewish underground, and set them at 24 years each, the President's spokesman announced last week.

The three are Menahem Livni, Shaul Neer and Uzi Sharbaf, convicted for murder in the armed attack on the Islamic University of Hebron seven years ago.

The President made the decision, after lengthy public pressure to pardon the Jewish underground. Lessening the sentence entitles the prisoners to visit their families on holidays. They could also enjoy a further lessening of a third of their prison terms, for good behavior, unless they are pardoned earlier.

The President's spokesman stressed that the President's decision was a common practice to all life prisoners in Israel.

Egyptian Pesach

JERUSALEM (JTA) — **By three weeks before Passover, more than 10,000 Israelis had booked tickets for trips to Egypt.**

The large demand surprised travel agencies, which reported a shortage of buses to transport the tourists. Similarly, it is difficult to order flights overseas and many resort places in Israel are occupied until July.

Demjanjuk suffers setback

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The defence of alleged war criminal John Demjanjuk suffered a setback Sunday when the Supreme Court rejected an appeal to delay presentation of evidence by historian Wolfgang Schefler.

The motion by defence counsel Mark O'Connor had been denied earlier by the 3-judge panel hearing the case in Jerusalem district court. O'Connor argued that the defence needed more time to study the testimony Schefler will present.

But the High Court ruled that it could not intervene. The Supreme Court has yet to decide on another appeal by O'Connor calling on the district court judges to disqualify themselves because of bias against the defendant and his attorneys.

Israel Radio reported that O'Connor expects to receive evidence from the U.S. that will disprove the authenticity of the so-called Trawlinki document, the SS identification card issued at the Trawlinki camp where Ukrainians were trained for duties at the Treblinka death camp.

The card, bearing the photograph and physical details of Demjanjuk, was obtained from the Soviet Union. According to the defence, it is a forgery.

Demjanjuk is alleged to be the sadistic Treblinka guard known to immates as Ivan the Terrible. He claims he was a German POW during the war and never set foot near Treblinka.

Israel, China envoys meet

NEW YORK (JTA) — **A spokesman for Israel's mission to the United Nations confirmed Sunday that a meeting took place at the UN between an Israeli senior official and a diplomat of the People's Republic of China.**

The spokesman, Eyal Arad, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that last week's meeting between Avraham Tamir, director-general of the Israeli foreign ministry, and Li Luye, China's permanent representative to the UN, was held within "a UN context and not as a bilateral meeting between the two countries."

The meeting was reported in Beijing in a dispatch from the official New China News Agency. But Arad played down any special significance. "Beyond the fact that it's really important that we meet, there is nothing exttraordinary to this meeting," he said.

He stressed that Tamir and Li, who was president of the Security Council in February, held their talk within the framework of ongoing talks at the Security Council on the Middle East peace process. No details were revealed.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel acknowledged on a radio interview in Jerusalem that Israel was making efforts to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic. He said it was not on the verge of a breakthrough, but rather that there was "a breakthrough of paving the way."

Sources in Israel said the meeting between Tamir and Li was the first openly acknowledged contact between the two countries, although previous unpublicized meetings have taken place.

The Name Game

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AGRANOVE — SHALITA

Claire Agranove (nee SHALITA), secretary of Bernard Warren Insurance writes me that her maiden name was SHALITA. At first blush, it appears to belong to the category of Spanish given names like Evita and Juanita. It is, in fact, of pure Hebraic extraction. It is an acronymic surname made up of the first letters of the Hebrew expression "Sheyichye L'Yomim Tovim Aruchim" — may he live for many good days — a greeting accorded to the newly born son of a rabbi.

It may be compared, or rather contrasted with the inscription RIP found on tombstones which stands for Rest In Peace, in English, or Requieseat In Pace, in Latin.

As for AGRANOVE (originally AGRANOVICH), she suggests that it means new friend in French. In fact, it stems from the name Aaron — Aharon in Hebrew. In Russian, the aspirate "H" becomes "G" (as HUROVICH becomes GUROVITCH), so that it appears as AGARANOV, the "ov" or "ovitch" denoting "son of." In English it would be AARONSON.

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Jewish leaders discuss emigration with Soviets

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til they open the doors."

Jerry Strober, a spokesman for the New-York based National Conference on Soviet Jewry, confirmed that Edgar Bronfman, chairman of the World Jewish Congress, and Morris Abram, National Council president, are in Moscow to discuss the issue of significantly increasing Jewish emigration with highly-placed Soviet officials.

Strober said in a telephone interview that they will discuss direct flights to Israel as a means of facilitating the emigration process.

However, he said that freeing the remaining Prisoners of Conscience and immediately issuing exit visas to all former PoCs in the Soviet Union (estimated at 40 to 50) are their priorities.

He expects that they will also discuss permitting Refuseniks to leave the country as well as all those who have sought invitations from relatives in Israel.

In other Soviet Jewry news, Prossin reports that a reliable American-based source says that Prisoner of Conscience Yuli Edelshtein, who two Israeli doctors say may have renal failure, has been transferred from a prison camp hospital in Novosibirsk back to prison camp (March 26).

Penn reports that Edelshtein's wife Tatyana last week met with a Soviet official who told her Yuli's case is under review and she could expect news this week.

However, there was no news of her scheduled visit to her husband two weeks ago or his condition.

Three more Prisoners of Conscience have been released from prison leaving only two — Edelshtein and Aleksei Magarik — still behind bars.

Leonid Volvovsky, 35, was sentenced in October 1985 to three years in a labor camp for anti-Soviet agitation. Mark Nepomniaschy, 55, whose son-in-law Yakov Levin was released a few days earlier, was sentenced in October 1984 to three years for anti-Soviet agitation.

Yosif Bernshtein, 49, last week returned to Kiev. He had been sentenced to four years in prison for resisting arrest.

In Leningrad, a Refusenik cancer patient who suffered a heart attack at the OVIR emigration office and was hospitalized two days later, has been granted an exit visa.

Yuri Shpeizman, who suffers from lymphosarcoma, collapsed minutes after leaving OVIR, where he had been told his frequently refused application was incomplete and needed a new photograph, according to his daughter Rita Levin in Jerusalem.

Shpeizman's wife Nelly was among the women who staged a 3-day hunger strike March 7 to 10 to coincide with the Soviet's observance of Women's Day.

Benjamin Charny, who suffers from cancer and serious heart problems, is the last of five orginal cancer patients organized as the International Cancer Patients Solidarity Committee by Montreal oncologist Dr. Gerald Batist. The other four have been issued exit permits — one, Inna Meiman, died almost two months ago in Washington.

Begin refuses to meet Carter

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niversary of the signing of the Israel-Egyptian peace treaty on March 26, 1979 at a White House ceremony. The signatories were Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and the late President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. Carter engineered the treaty.

Carter asked for a meeting with Begin, who has been living in seclusion at his suburban Jerusalem home since he resigned from office in August 1983.

According to Begin's spokesman, Yechiel Kadishai, the 73-year-old former Premier said "that he can't see him, that's all. He didn't give any reason." Begin and Carter last met during Carter's 1983 visit.

Asked why the peace process had not advanced after Camp David, Carter said: "Perhaps there is more I could have done, but I don't think that in the last six years (the tenure of the Reagan Administration) it has been as high a priority as it has been with me, when it was almost an obsession."

Carter expressed hope, nevertheless, that the last two years of the Reagan administration would see the Middle East peace process become a greater priority.

Meeting a "watershed"

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"exceptionally stupid," he added.

Eitan, who ran LEKEM, Pollard's spy unit, was given the chairmanship of Israel Chemicals, the largest government-owned corporation.

Zumoff was also critical of the public stand taken by the Presidents Conference delegations. "I didn't agree that we should have made so much noise about it. I felt we had overdone it," he said. "Criticism of the Israel government would have been more beneficial if conveyed privately, not in the media."

Israel Friedman, executive vice-president of the Religious Zionists of America/Hapoel Hamizrachi, echoed those sentiments. "The whole thing was blown out of proportion," he said.

But Abram called the meetings of Jewish leaders with Israel's top leadership a "watershed."

"This has been a historic meeting because I have never in my life seen in such stark forms, issues boil to the surface — not just abstract issues like Who is a Jew?, but in terms of how the relationship of Jews in the Diaspora to Israel affects the State of Israel," Abram said.

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TEL AVIV (AP) —

The Israeli lieutenant-colonel at the centre of an American spy scandal has resigned as head of Israel's most prestigious air force base, the military command says.

Aviem Sella, indicted by a U.S. court on charges of hiring American Jonathan Pollard to spy for Israel, resigned last week from his post as commander of the Tel Nof base.

Sella was named to the job on March 3. The next day, Pollard, a 32-year-old American Jew and former civilian analyst for the U.S. navy, was sentenced to life in prison for selling Israel hundreds of classified U.S. military documents in 1984-85.

Sella, who allegedly hired Pollard while on study leave in the U.S., announced his decision in a letter to air force chief Maj.-Gen. Amos Lapidot, and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin approved the resignation.

In his letter, released by the military, Sella said he was resigning because of "the worsening of Israeli-U.S. relations and my concern for the future of relations between the two countries and ties with U.S. Jewry."

Sella indicated he felt he was being made a scapegoat. He said his decision was "personal and independent."

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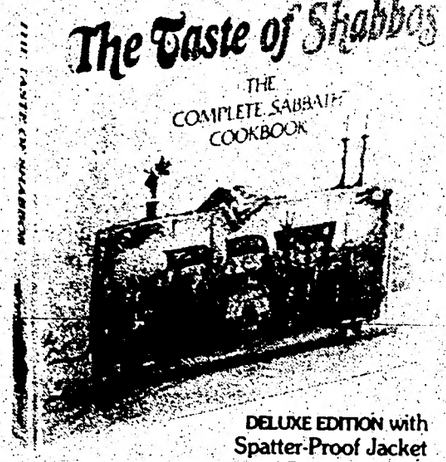

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Won't release findings on classroom teaching

School board reverses decision on Ross report

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON, NB — A New Brunswick school board last week reversed an earlier decision and announced it would not release a report on Malcolm Ross' classroom teaching.

"We don't want it prolonged," said Carl Ross, chairman of the Board of School Trustees of District 15, New Brunswick. The investigation into Ross is a personnel matter and such files are not made public, said the chairman, who is no relation to Malcolm Ross.

Received phone calls

Two weeks before, trustee Sue Murray said the board should release the report, prepared by a 3-person investigating committee, and that she would make a motion at a subsequent meeting to make it public. At that time, it appeared as though the motion had broad support.

Murray said she changed her mind because of telephone calls she had received on both sides of the issue. There are "a lot of things in people I don't like seeing," she said, adding comments ranged from effusive praise to outright condemnation of Ross.

Though Murray reversed her position, trustee Audrey Lampert introduced a motion to make the report public. However none of the 10 other trustees seconded her proposal, bringing a quick end to the motion.

Lampert, the only Jewish member of the 11-person board, said she was at a loss to explain the apparent turnaround. But Dr. Julius Israeli, who has been trying to bring charges against Ross since 1978, speculated the board reversed itself because of the way in which the investigation was conducted.

In the two weeks since Murray proposed making public the report — which exonerated Ross — a parent of one of Ross' former students wrote to New Brunswick newspapers saying his complaints that Ross taught racist attitudes in class were not followed up.

Israeli said the parent contacted the committee orally but was not told to make his complaint in writing. The investigative committee subsequently did not deal with it.

"They didn't interrogate people who complained against Ross in the 1970s," Israeli said.

Matter is not closed

Lampert said the matter is not closed even though "the board would like to see it swept under the rug."

Ross, a teacher at Magnetic Hill School, is author of books which allege Jews are conspiring to undermine Christian society and that the Holocaust is a hoax.

His writings prompted investigations for promoting hatred against Jews, but a decision by New Brunswick Attorney General David Clark whether to prosecute Ross has not yet been announced.

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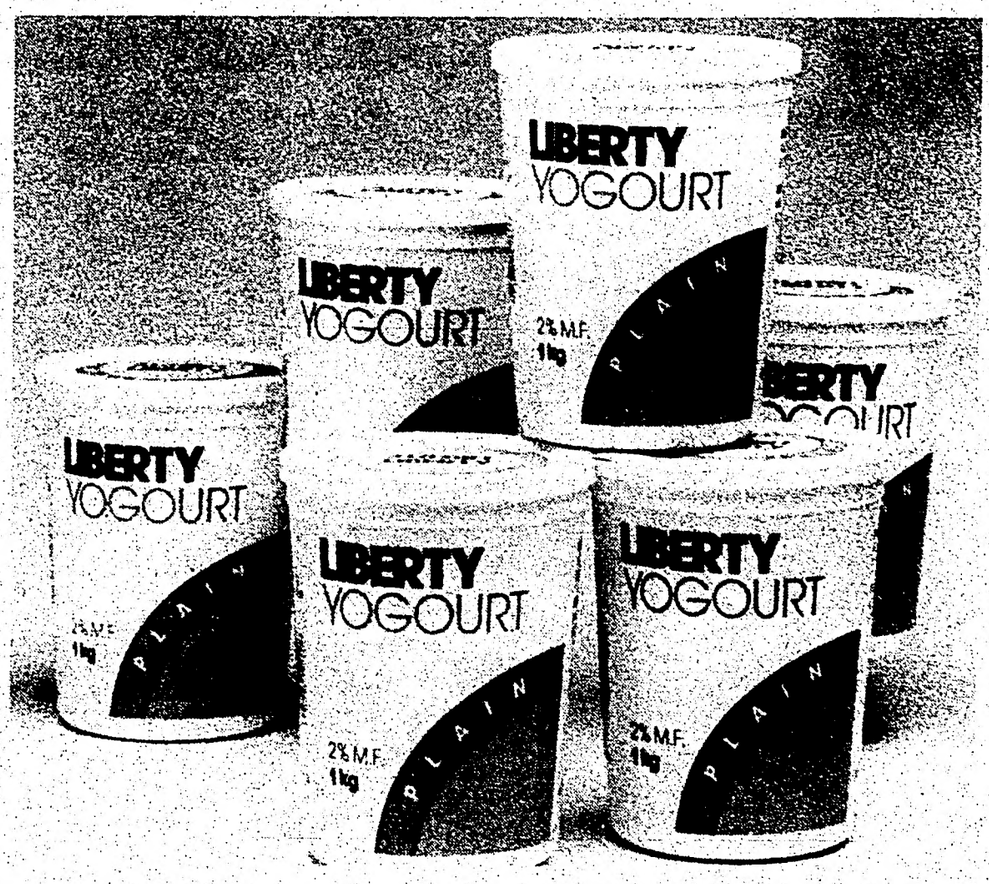

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Because we will be closed during Passover holidays and Good Friday, and because we are moving, deadlines for April 16 and 23 issues are advanced. Deadline for April 16 issue is Friday, April 3 and deadline for April 23 and April 30 issues is Monday, April 6.

Friday, April 3

LOLA JULITTA KANE PERFORMS

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Saturday, April 4

AT SHAAREH HAIM

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Rabbi Lawrence Troster will conduct the services which take place at the McConaghy Centre, 10100 Yonge St., just north of Major Mackenzie Dr. in Richmond Hill.

Services begin at 9.30 a.m. and there is a kiddush.

For additional information phone Rabbi Troster, 737-3080.

VANCOUVER JCC

In honor of Jewish Music Season, there will be an Evening of Klezmer Music at the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre, 8 p.m., Saturday, April 4. **Myrna Rabinowitz**, singing with the Rainbow Band will perform, and everyone is welcome to sing and dance to the freilach sounds of Yiddish klezmer music.

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Sunday, April 5

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To inquire further call 889-2252.

PASSOVER WORKSHOP

Sunday, April 5 at 10 a.m., Shaareh Haim Synagogue continues its 2-part Passover Workshop, when **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** speaks on How to Run Your Seder and Find Your Way Through the Haggadah.

The workshop takes place at Roselawn Public School on Carrville Rd. (west of Yonge St.). The lecture will be preceded by a service and a breakfast, and concludes at 11.45 a.m. Rabbi Troster will also make arrangements for those who wish to sell their chometz.

For more information call 737-3080.

SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM

The Second Generation Committee of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem invites the public to a lecture on the importance of Yad Vashem today, to be delivered by **Col. Yehoshua Bar Am,** Ontario Region representative of Keren Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund). This is slated for 8 p.m. Sunday, April 5 in the Youth Room of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. A program on Yad Vashem's Second Generation Committee will follow.

For more details call **Janet Walker**, 223-5511.

BETH TIKVAH BROTHERHOOD

Canada in Space will be discussed by **Christopher Trump** of Spar Aerospace, at the Beth Tikvah Brotherhood Breakfast, Sunday, April 5.

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Mapam Knesset member, **Yair Tzaban**, will examine Morals and Politics in Israel, at a meeting in Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 158, at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 5.

Some of the questions to be considered are: Arms deals? Dialogue with Palestinians? Racism or Kahanism? Orthodoxy or Pluralism?

(This talk will be given in English.)

HADASSAH-WIZO AUCTION

It's an Art Auction sponsored by Atzmaut Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO on behalf of Hadassim School and Youth Villages as well as day care centres.

Originally planned for Sunday, April 5 at Earl Bales Community Centre, the auction has been moved to the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. — same date.

Preview is at 7 p.m., auction begins at 8.

Admission is $5 and there will be refreshments and door prizes.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim Breakfast Club, 12 Hollaman Rd. (Bathurst-Glencairn area), invites you to hear **Susan Brandes** from the Zohar Gallery in Toronto, speak on Contemporary Israeli Art, 10 a.m., Sunday, April 5. She will also bring along slide illustrations.

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Breakfast is $5. RSVP, 635-2883, ext. 143.

Monday, April 6

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Panelists are **Dr. Murray Bornstein**, Professor of Neurology and Neuroscience at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University; **Julie Gibson**, board member, Toronto chapter of the MS Society and a patient; and **Dr. George Wortzman**, radiologist in chief, Mount Sinai Hospital. Moderator is **Joe Cote**, host of Metro Morning CBC Radio.

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Monday Magic, or Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy, meets 9.30 a.m. Mondays at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Hear stimulating speakers and meet other mothers of young children. Excellent babysitting is provided.

On April 6, chiropractor and doctor of naturopathic medicine, **Alan Bortnick**, offer his views.

PILLAR OF FIRE

David Weinberg, director of research, Canada-Israel Committee, will be the guest lecturer at this week's Pillar of Fire program covering the period 1947-48, to begin at 7.45 p.m. Monday, April 6, in Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

The series, which consists of exciting video tapes, lecture and discussion, continues to draw large crowds and everyone is invited to attend.

Tuesday, April 7

TZAVTA KIBBUTZ CENTRE

This is a gathering for people who speak Hebrew on an intermediate level. At 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, at the Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 158, **Yehuda Weiler**, president of Bank Leumi Canada, will consider the question, Can the Religious and Non-Religious Live Together in Israel?

For further information call **Yigal Gilboa**, 736-1339.

FOREST HILL/CEDARVALE PW

Na'amat Pioneer Women's newest chapter, Forest Hill/Cedarvale, invites you to attend its next meeting at the home of **Andrea Baltman**, 44 Ardmore Rd., Apt. 2B (corner of Bathurst, five blocks south of Eglinton), 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7. Come out and bring your friends too, for an absorbing program.

RSVP, 636-5425, or 482-0018 (evenings).

SYRIA IN LEBANON

The ramifications of Syria in Lebanon, will be the main topic of a review of current developments in the Middle East by **Dr. Yosef Lapid**, one of Israel's foremost commentators on international and Israeli politics and the Arab-Israel conflict.

The program, jointly sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Community Action for Israel Committee and Canadian Zionist Federation, will be held 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 7 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. **Moderator will be Moshe Ronen.**

Admission is free, refreshments will be served, and there will be ample time for questions.

Wednesday, April 8

ASTHMATIC CHILDREN

Learn about Asthma Medications: How They Interact with Over-the Counter Drugs, at a meeting planned by Parents of Asthmatic Children of Southern Ontario, 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 8 in Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst St. (one block north of Lawrence, west side). Speaker will be **Virginia Ward**, staff pharmacist, North York General Hospital.

New members are welcome.

For additional information contact **Elaine Rose**, 881-8416 or **Joan Naert**, 292-6635.

THORNHILL ORT CHAPTER

In response to many inquiries, a new ORT women's chapter has been started in the Thornhill area.

A feature program is scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8. Entitled, All You Wanted to Know From a Lawyer but Were Afraid To Ask: Freebie Advice for the Average Woman, it should provide some answers.

For more information contact **Sally Waldman**, 881-4252 or **Marcy Gilbert** at the ORT office, 787-0339.

PILLAR OF FIRE AT BETH EMETH

Pillar of Fire, The History of Israel's Rebirth, continues at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., 8-9.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, with Holocaust and Revolt (1942-43), The Women's Ghetto, Zionist Movement and The Holocaust.

Commentary is by **Rabbi Joseph Kelman.**

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

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BBW INSTALLATION

B'nai B'rith Women's Council of Toronto held its 35th annual installation of officers recently at Holiday Inn, Don Valley. Installing officer was Lucille Bensky, past president, B'nai B'rith Women of Canada. Officers for 1987-88 are: president, Cynthia Suissa; president-elect, Joan Rumack; vice-presidents, Shavie Fagan, Anna Lee Gould; treasurer, Donna Weinrauch; recording secretary, Marni Collier; corresponding secretary, Bella Rolnick; board, Sylvia Hennick, Fern Sussman, Judy Wolff; immediate past president, Florence Feldman. Above, outgoing president Florence Feldman (left) turns over the gavel to Cynthia Suissa.

TREE PLANTING COMPETITION

In the annual Jewish National Fund Tu B'Shevat drive, CHAT (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto) students bought more than 175 trees to raise over $1,250 for planting trees in Israel. A competition among the grades spurred the students. First prize was won by grade 12, which will be awarded an afternoon at the JCC, courtesy of the school. Here, Col. Yehoshua Bar Am, JNF representative from Jerusalem, presents a certificate to grade 12 students Natasha Press and Les Brail.

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Thursday, April 9

SENECA JSF DANCE

Can't Stop Now, is the theme for Seneca College Jewish Student Federation (JSF) Spring Dance, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9 at Willie T's, the Newnham Campus, 1750 Finch Ave. E.

Admission, $4 per person, includes soft drinks and munchies.

Dance to the music of a great deejay, see old friends and meet new ones.

Guests are welcome when accompanied by a Seneca student.

For more information call **Donna Kaplan**, 736-5178.

COATSWORTH LECTURE

Alan Coatsworth was a member of a prominent Toronto family, active in the Methodist, now United Church. In the 1920s and 30s he befriended a number of underprivileged Jewish boys, forming them into a club, The Young Maccabees, and helping them to achieve worthwhile careers. He was ahead of his time as a catalyst of interreligious understanding.

The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and The Young Maccabees invite you to the third annual Alan Coatsworth Memorial Lecture, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9 at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave.

Topic will be, Mending the World, with **Sister Mary Joe Leddy**, coordinator, Sisters of Our Lady of Sion in Canada/USA. Respondent is **Rabbi Gunther Plaut,** Chairman is **Dr. Victor Goldbloom,** president, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and president, International Council of Christians and Jews.

Admission is free.

To inquire further call 364-3101.

ONTARIO HUMANE SOCIETY

The auxiliary and the North York executive of the Ontario Humane Society are having their combined Annual General Meeting at the Senior Citizens' Hall, 1 Empress Ave. (east of Yonge St. seven blocks north of Sheppard), 7.30 p.m. Thursday, April 9. Guests will be the North York Obedience Club Demonstration Team with their dogs.

Everyone interested in the welfare of animals in North York is welcome.

Admission, home made refreshments and parking are all free.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

ALONE FOR PESACH?

Are you going to be alone this year for Pesach? Do you or your family or friends want to arrange to attend a group seder at a synagogue, temple, organization or club?

Jewish Information Service has details for you. Please call 635-5600, Monday-Thursday evenings or Sundays.

TURN CLOCKS FORWARD

Jewish Information Service wants to alert individuals using the Jewish Youth Program calendar, about revisions as a result of the change to daylight saving time. (The government of Canada has changed the date).

Clocks should be set forward one hour on Saturday night, April 4 and this will effect candle lighting time beginning with erev Shabbat April 10.

The youth calendar shows candle lighting times for standard time through April 24. This is now incorrect.

For details about Jewish programs, social services, clubs, volunteer opportunities, accommodation assistance, camps, JIS directories, or to access a volunteer listener, call 635-5600 Monday-Friday, starting at 9.30 a.m.

Let JIS help you connect.

BRANSON NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

North York Branson Hospital urgently requires volunteers, and knitting volunteers are also needed. Please call **Myrna**, 736-8116 or **Harriet**, 221-3101.

KASHERING UTENSILS FOR PESACH

Sunday, April 5, noon to 5 p.m. at Agudath Israel Congregation, 129 McGillivray Ave., bring metal utensils — pots, pans, silverware, to kasher for Pesach. Please clean them thoroughly beforehand, removing spots, stains, rust, etc.

The kashering is a public service of Toronto's Vaad HaRabbanim. A rabbi will preside and be available to answer questions.

Last year over 100 people brought in their utensils, notes Augudath Israel's **Rabbi Moshe Lowy**.

THE HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

Are you being denied access to your grandchildren? Children have a right to know their heritage, say the members of a group called The Heritage of Children, who are working to ensure grandparents' access to grandchildren.

For information about this group, call **Abraham Silver** or **Sylvia Lusher** at (416) 656-5408.

NAHON CONVENTION

Students from across Canada and the USA will gather for the 2nd annual NAHON Convention (North American High School Organization Network), slated for Thursday, April 2 to Sunday, April 5 at the Victorian Inn, Stratford.

Among the speakers will be **Moshe Ben Zioni** of the Israel consulate in Toronto; Ontario NDP leader **Bob Rae**; director of the Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, **Ben Prossin**; president of the Jewish Students' Network, **Moshe Ronen** and **Sally Greenberg**, of the Anti-Defamation League.

To inquire further, phone 783-1165.

JEWISH STUDENTS

Here is a list of Jewish university and college student functions until April 14.

On Friday, April 3, Jewish Students' Union, University of Toronto and Jewish Student Federation, York University, welcome you to another in the series of now famous campus Shabbat dinners, when **Rabbi Meir Fund** from New York, will speak on Dream Interpretation.

Dinner is 7.30 p.m. at the Pride of Israel Temple, 59 Lissom Cres. Orthodox services are 6.30 p.m. at B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave., Conservative services, 7 p.m. at Pride of Israel Temple. Cost is $7 ($6 with JSU card). Reserve now by calling the JSF office, 736-5178 or JSU, 923-9861.

Wednesday, April 8, Jewish Students of Ryerson present their Passover Brunch, noon-1 p.m. in A256C.

Friday, April 10, celebrate the last day of classes at the last Shabbat Dinner, featuring great food and good company, 7 p.m. at the JSU House. Cost is $6 with JSU card, $7, without, free for residence students with JSU card. Call by Wednesday, April 8 to reserve.

Tuesday, April 14, is the annual, strictly kosher, community second seder at the Bloor JCC (corner of Spadina). Cost is $25 to adults, $15 students, seniors and children. This is sponsored by the JCC Bloor Branch in cooperation with the Downtown Jewish Community School, Jewish Family & Child Service South Branch and Jewish Students-Union/B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, University of Toronto. For further information call the JCC at 924-6211.

MODEL TRAIN SHOW

All you model train addicts, come to the Scarborough Model Railroaders 25th Anniversary Open House, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, April 5 and 12, at 17 Jeavons Ave.

See movies and attend clinics. HO scale and N scale layouts will be operating.

Follow the Model Train Show signs from Birchmount Rd. and Danforth Rd, or Birchmount Rd. and Danforth Ave.

Admission is $3, family $10 (minimum one adult), children under 4 feet 6 inches, free.

SHAAREH HAIM HEBREW SCHOOL

Shaareh Haim Hebrew School at Roselawn Public School, Carrville Rd. in Richmond Hill, is now accepting registration for classes beginning in September.

Space is available for children from junior kindergarten to grade 8.

To be eligible for junior kindergarten, a child must have been born in 1983.

Shaareh Haim Hebrew School is a supplementary Hebrew School affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. All of the teachers are certified in Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

For more information call 884-8400 or 884-3353.

ISRAEL YOUTH PROGRAMS

The youth department of the National Council of Young Israel, announces an Achva Year In Israel program for the coming academic year.

This is a 10 month program of work and study for college students in a religious environment in Israel. Co-sponsored by the religious department and the Sherut La'am of the World Zionist Organization, it includes extensive touring through Israel and the availability of college credit from the State University of New York. (SUNY).

Participants will receive $100 per month for living expenses during periods of community service work.

Cost of the entire program, including airfare, insurance, housing, ulpan and university fees is $2,700 per person, plus a $100 registration fee.

For a free brochure describing the Achva Year In Israel in detail, write Achva — National Council of Young Israel, 3 West 16th St., New York, NY, 10016; or call (212) 929-1525.

GEORGE BROWN OPEN HOUSE

Here is an opportunity to view the work of some of Toronto's most exciting new creative talent.

On April 10 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and April 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., graduates of the Graphic Design program at George Brown College, present their annual Open House at the St. James Campus, 200 King St. E.

Admission is free.

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A supportive group offers the participants an opportunity to explore, understand and resolve the impact of their incest experience on their past and present life.

The group is run in conjunction with the YWCA from April 21-June 23. Cost is $63 for 10 weeks (subsidies are available).

For further information, phone **Gail Solish**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Physiology of Medication will be explained by **Dr. McIntyre Burnham**, University of Toronto, at the next meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W.

For more details call 486-8046.

LIBRARIES CLOSING

Public service at some North York Public Libraries will be temporarily interrupted in order to facilitate the moving of materials and equipment to the new Central Library at 5120 Yonge St. beside City Hall.

The branches and departments affected are: Central Library, 74 Sheppard Ave. W., closed now; Canadiana Collection, 35 Fairview Mall Dr., closing Monday, April 6 (last day open for research and/or telephone information is April 4); Yonge-Sheppard Centre, 4841 Yonge St., Thursday, April 23; Community Services, Audio-Visual Services, 5145 Yonge St., Monday, April 27.

Public service will resume early in May, followed by official opening services on June 4 at 7.30 p.m.

Library materials may be returned to any branch of the North York Public Library while the Central Library is closed.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEW LIBRARY

The new North York Central Library opens officially on Thursday, June 4, and people are needed to give tours of this facility during the opening events and in the months following.

Everyone interested is invited to an orientation meeting on Wednesday, April 8. Choose your time, 2 p.m. or 7.30 p.m. The meeting will include a tour of the new building led by senior library staff and a discussion of what tour guides can expect in terms of training, support and commitment of time.

If you would like to be a friend of the North York Central Library, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194 for further information.

ALBERTA NEWS

In March, **Maxine Fischbein** spoke about the Holocaust to classes in Swan Hills, Alta., and also at Harry Ainley Composite High School in Edmonton. Students at Harry Ainley were planning a visit to Auschwitz as part of a trip to Eastern Europe at the end of March.

In mid-March, Maxine Fischbein led a workshop for teachers in the Catholic School System on approaches to teaching the Holocaust. The half-day in-service was held at Archbishop Macdonald High School.

The Generation After Committee of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton announces the Annual Community Memorial for the six million martyrs. A memorial service will be held 11.30 a.m. Sunday, April 26 at the Jewish cemetery. At 7.30 p.m. on April 26, there will be a community memorial observance and candle lighting ceremony at Temple Beth Ora, Jewish Community Centre.

On Monday, April 27, the play Hannah Senesh, performed by the original off-Broadway cast, will be shown at the Provincial Museum of Alberta at 8 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Jewish Community Centre and the Jewish Federation of Edmonton.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Learn English as your second language. Enrol in one of the ESL courses offered by York University's Centre for Continuing Education. These are designed for those whose native language is not English, providing an opportunity to increase language facility as well as academic preparation for further studies.

For details about the various types and levels of courses, their location, and/or a complete calendar of the Centre's offerings, call 736-5025, ext. 2504.

JEWISH TV MAGAZINE

Subscribers to the Newton Cable communications system will now be able to tune in every Tuesday evening at 8.30 p.m. to a show called The Jewish TV Magazine. This production, prepared by the Council of Jewish Federations in New York, features interviews with prominent individuals in the Jewish world, footage related to holiday celebrations and enterainment, and

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CONSENSUS REACHED

North American olim have much to contribute to pluralism in Israel, was the consensus of a recent symposium sponsored by the Jerusalem region of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel. Here, regional chairman Sherwin Pomerantz (left) leads one of the discussion groups.

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overviews of social and educational programs in various Jewish communities.

For more information, call the Toronto Jewish Media Centre, 633-7770.

YORKMINSTRELS PERFORM

Yorkminstrels open their 30th anniversary season with a production of **Cole Porter's** toe-tapping classic Broadway musical, Anything Goes.

Performances are 8.15 p.m. April 2, 3, 4 and 9, 10, 11, plus a 2 p.m. matinee April 11 only, in Cringan Hall, Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Ave. (five blocks north of Sheppard, two blocks east of Yonge).

April 4 and 9 performances are sold out, but good seats remains for most other performances.

Ticket prices are $9 Thursday, April 2, $10 Friday and Saturday evenings, $6 matinee, $6, seniors and students on April 2 only. Group rates are available.

To order tickets call 491-9814.

JEWISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you know that:

In addition to borrowing or researching the best in Judaica and Hebraica, at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St., you can now join a study group in Original Jewish Sources, on alternate Sunday evenings in the Lipa Green Building, under the guidance of the library director, **Rabbi Sigmund Wolkenstein**. Call 635-2995 to say you are coming.

In addition to borrowing the best in Jewish interest books you can teach yourself Hebrew on video or listen to the latest broadcast of Kol Yisrael. Phone 635-2995 to say you will be there.

At the library, as well as borrowing the best in books for young people, your kids can play Jewish educational computer games on Sundays, and on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, after school.

Library hours are Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, 10.30 a.m.-6.30 p.m., Thursday, noon-8 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

ANTIQUE SHOW

Remembrance of Things Past, at Markville Shopping Centre, Highway 7 and McCowan Rd., Markham, brings together over 40 dealers from Ontario and Quebec for this free admission show.

A comprehensive selection of country and formal furniture and accessories will be displayed.

Experts from the Royal Ontario Museum will identify family treasures free of charge.

Show hours are Wednesday evening, 6-9 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m.-9.30 p.m., Saturday, 9.30 a.m.-6 p.m.

ROM Treasure ID hours are Thursday, Friday 6.30-8.30 and Saturday, 1-4 p.m.

Proceeds from the show will be donated to the Toronto Art Therapy Institute, a non-profit organization which trains art therapists and conducts such community programs as assisting public school teachers to gain more insight in dealing with troubled students, and helping terminally ill adults and children deal with their feelings about death.

THYROID FOUNDATION

Thyroid Foundation of Canada presents a public educational meeting with endocrinologist **Dr. Jay Silverberg**, who will speak on The Management of Hypothyroidism at 2 p.m., April 4, in the Lecture Theatre, Sunnybrook Medical Centre, 2075 Bayview Ave.

To inquire further phone 229-6406.

ADLER INSTITUTE

How do you rate your relationship as a parent, lover, spouse, co-worker or neighbor? Are you a teacher, psychologist, social worker or therapist?

The Alfred Adler Institute of Ontario, is scheduling its 13th annual conference on Relationships — Getting in Touch, May 7, 8, 9, at The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), 252 Bloor St. W.

For specific information on workshops and presentations, contact The Alfred Adler Institute of Ontario, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 407, Downsview, Ont., M3J 2E5; phone 665-1400.

PASSOVER CANDY TREES

Here is an ideal gift for your host and hostess. Yamit Chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, is selling attractively decorated candy trees in mugs for Pesach. Cost, delivered, is $10 each.

To order, call 633-6163 or 630-8744.

COMMUNITY CENTRE VOLUNTEERS

Tobermory Community Activities Centre at Jane and Finch offers a variety of programs for local residents.

Volunteer help is being recruited to assist with such activities as crafts and tutoring as well as reception work and typing.

If you are 18 years of age or older and available weekdays for office help, Wednesday mornings for crafts or Wednesday evenings for tutoring, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

BENEFIT CONCERT

As the crowning glory to its music series, Our Musical Heritage, the music committee of Holy Blossom Temple in conjunction with the Temple Elevator Fund, is hosting a Benefit Concert in the sanctuary, showcasing renowned Israeli artists, cellist **Ofra Harnoy,** violinist **Moshe Hammer** and pianist **Elyakim Taussig**, 8 p.m., April 23.

Harnoy, Hammer and Taussig will perform **Dvorak's** Dumky Trio as well as solo pieces from the classical repertoire and Jewish themes. Hammer and Taussig will perform **Ernest Bloch's** Baal Shem Suite.

In addition, the evening will be marked by the premiere of **Milton Barnes** Eyshet Chayil — A Woman of Valor, with the tenor solo written for **Cantor Benjamin Maissner.**

Proceeds will go to The Temple Elevator Fund to complete construction of an elevator to ensure seniors and the physically disabled easier access to services and community programs in the 4-storey building.

Patron and sponsor ticket holders will be treated to a reception following the concert. Sponsor tickets are $250 a couple. General admission tickets are $18. For further ticket information contact **Desi**, Holy Blossom Temple, 789-3291.

LAWYER REQUIRED

Legal information line (telephone work), a free service in North Toronto, seeks a lawyer who can volunteer his/her time for one or two nights a month, Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m.

Gain experience while helping people with a variety of problems.

For information/details call **Cathy** at The Third Floor (Central Eglinton Community Centre), 487-4096.

LUNCH-TOURS AT McMICHAEL

Are you curious about Canadian art? Would you like to know more about the artists and their work? Then join a lively series of five luncheons to be hosted by art experts **Sharon Goelman** and **Susan Chykaliuk**, 11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m., on the third Wednesday of each month, commencing April 22. Share their knowledge and enthusiasm while you enjoy a buffet lunch and then accompany them on a tour of the gallery.

There is also a Lunch with Art series noon-1.45 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, series of five, starting April 7.

Cost for any three of the Wednesday series is $40 non-members, $30, members, $25, seniors. Cost per luncheon-tour is $15 non-members, $12, members, $10.50 seniors.

Cost for any three of the Tuesday series is $40, members, $30, non-members. Cost per luncheon-tour is $15 non-members, $12, members. For telephone reservations or inquiries, phone **Bonnie McConnell**, (416) 893-1121.

for seniors

The Association of Jewish Seniors invites you to its second annual seder at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. (one block west of Bathurst) 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14. The facilities are under kashruth supervision.

Cost per person is $10 and all seniors in the community will be warmly welcomed. Last day for reservations is April 7.

For more information and reservations call **Jennie Gilbert**, at the Association of Jewish Seniors, 530 Wilson Ave., 3rd floor, 635-2860.

North York Board of Continuing Education and **Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre, North Y Branch**, offer an 8-week Crochet Course for Seniors, with instructor **Lil Heisel**, 1-3 p.m., Thursdays, April 30-June 18, in Room 208, 4588 Bathurst St. This is free to members and to seniors over 65, non-members and JCC social members under 65, $16. Each registrant is required to purchase a supply kit. Cost is $12 to pe paid at registration. Register no later than April 24 in the Senior Adult Office.

Numbers are limited. Please show your membership card when registering. For additional information call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 232.

Learning Experiences Group, Senior Adult Services will hear chiropodist **Gail Goldman,** talk about Foot Problems — How They Affect Other Parts of the Body, and How We Can Remain Problem Free. This is in Room 204, JCC North, 4588 Bathurst St., 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 7. For more information phone **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 232.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni meets 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, to enjoy a Musicale.

If you are 55 Plus, **North York Senior Walkers** invite you to join them for Sunday morning walks. All walks begin at 9 a.m. and have washroom facilities. April 5, the walk is in Taylor Park. Enter opposite Inn on the Park, Leslie north of Eglinton. Meet at the first parking lot.

North York Walkers' April meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 7 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., features **Karen Whitehorn**, physiotherapist with the Feet First organization, speaking on walking safely. For more information call 241-2932 or 635-5837.

Join **Temple Sinai Seniors**, 210 Wilson Ave., 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 7 for a meeting with entertainment by accordionist **Albert Feldman**, who also sings cantorial music. Cost, including refreshments, is $1 for members, $1.50, non-members.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club welcomes you to a concert by **Cantor Harold Klein,** 1 p.m., Monday, April 6 at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Refreshments will be served. Cost is $2 for members, $2.50 non-members.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has confirmed day trips which promise to be thoroughly enjoyable. Reserve soon for the California-Las Vegas tour (not exactly a day trip), May 6-24. And, the early November Israel trip will be a super holiday, concluding at a spa on the Dead Sea.

To inquire, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923.

Workmen's Circle Social Club, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., meets at noon Tuesday; April 7, for luncheon with entertainment. The club will be closed during Pesach. For more information call **Shirley Grotell**, 222-7727.

Reserve early to hear **Mila** sing Songs Around the World, at a Musicalle Luncheon, under the auspices of **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club,** 1950 Bathurst St., 12.30 p.m., Tuesday, April 7. Cost is $5.50 per person. Call 781-3511.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Centre for Creative Living is offering **Passover on Wheels** to patients/residents in care facilities. Cost is $4.

The strictly kosher meals may be ordered for the full eight days or as few as one or two days as desired. The last day to order is April 3.

For additional details phone 225-2112.

See the movie Karate Kid, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5. Admission is $1 for members, $1.50, non-members.

A tour to Niagara-on-the-Lake to see Hay Fever, one of **Shaw's** best comedies, is slated for Thursday, April 30. Price, including transporation and theatre, is $16 per person. Bring your own lunch or buy it in town. Departure is 10.15 a.m. This is for members only.

Bluma, offering Yiddish entertainment at its finest, 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8. is always a favorite at Bernard Betel. Price is $1.25 members, $1.75 non-members.

Here's a special event! At 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, the National Chamber Orchestra of Canada will appear at the Centre. Refreshments will be served following the performance. Admission is $2 for members, $3, non-members.

April is Cancer Control Month. On Thursday, April 9 from 2.30-3.30 p.m., **Dr. Dick Hasselback**, noted oncologist from Princess Margaret Hospital, gives an Update on Breast Cancer.

at the jcc

Join **SAJAC Seniors** (South African Jewish Association of Canada) 2.30 p.m. Sunday, April 5 at **The Valley**, 7015 Leslie St., for a delightful afternoon with raconteur **Nat Garnick**, who will present a program of Passover Pleasures, doing readings and monologues on Jewish life. Admission is $3 for members, $3.50, guests. For additional information contact **Sybil Berley**, 449-6065.

JCC Valley Singles Network invites you to a first Passover seder, 7.30 p.m., Monday, April 13 at 7015 Leslie St. Celebrate Passover at The Valley with a traditional kosher dinner and wine. Cost is $25 per adult for members, $28, non-members, $10 per child under 12 years. Reservations are essential by April 9. Call **Sally** or **Jodi**, 889-0813 or **Fran**, 494-5898 (daytime), 731-5664, (evenings)

Usher in the spring season at the **April Showers Dance** sponsored by the JCC Valley Singles Network, 8.30 p.m., 7015 Leslie St. Cost is $4 to members with cards, $6, non-members, and there will be door prizes.

How Do We Meet the People We Want to Meet? is the question to be considered at the next gathering of the **JCC North/East Valley Singles Support Group**, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 in the upstairs party room, 7015 Leslie St. Admission, $2 for members with cards, $4, non-members, includes refreshments.

Register now for the **JCC Valley Singles Network** 4-week course for Singles, When I Say No, I Feel Guilty, taught by social worker **Sabrina Baker**. This starts 8 p.m., Thursday, April 16 at the Valley. Cost is $40 per person. To inquire further call **Sabrina**, 481-3523 (days) or to register, call the Valley office, 889-0813.

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For singles information please see the Singles section in the classified ads.

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RECEPTION FOR BEN ZVI

Toronto friends and supporters of Tel Aviv University gathered at a cocktail reception in the home of **Deborah** and **Albert White** to honor **Col. Yehiel Ben Zvi,** vice-president of the university.

Ben Zvi

The Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, Toronto chapter, the chapter president, **Paul Morton** and the board of directors, are currently planning the chapter's main event, to be announced at a later date.

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT

Dr. Jerry Shime has been appointed hospital obstetrician and gynecologist-in-chief at Women's College Hospital in Toronto.

A graduate of the University of Toronto, Dr. Shime worked with a medical team in central India.

He has served on several educational coordinating committees at the University of Toronto and Toronto General Hospital, and from 1972-80, was coordinator of the University of Toronto's postgraduate training program in obstetrics and gynecology.

He holds the rank of assistant professor in the University of Toronto's Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and is a member of the university's Perinatal Complex Committee.

SWEATER PARTY

At a very successful sweater party and light supper arranged for a recent Beth Torah Sisterhood general meeting, members Naomi Kideckel (left) and Halina Levitt wear their newly purchased sweaters and display others. [Mollie Rothman photo]

Organizations and People

More stress on local community, chairman says

Hamilton UJA campaign to be shorter, tighter

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — A shorter, tighter fall campaign, more categories and greater stress on the local community are among the changes that will finally turn the Hamilton UJA campaign around, 1987 campaign chairman Mel Gunn hopes.

Traditionally launched in February, the campaign was supposed to be completed by the end of spring but in practice, says Gunn, "it always dragged on all year."

An intensive 4-month campaign beginning in August will, he hopes, eliminate the long wait for pledges made early in the campaign.

But more important, Gunn wants to get the message across that a strong community in the Diaspora is vital if strong support is to be maintained.

Last year, despite an overall 10% increase, several significant last minute disappointments meant that the projected goal could not be reached. The result was "severe cutbacks" to various community services and programs, including education funds.

Gunn describes himself as "very much a community person." Born in Regina and brought up in Mount Forest, Ont., he's been in Hamilton on and off since 1944 "and a hanger-on of the JCC ever since."

In 1976, after his return from several years in Vancouver, he became chairman of the JCC building and planning committee. From 1982 to 1984 he served as president of the JCC and currently he is a vice-president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation.

A mission to Israel a few years ago convinced him of the importance of continued support for the Jewish state and for the past two years he served as UJA campaign vice-chairman under Stephen Yanover who, Gunn says, "did a tremendous job."

It disturbs him that "there are an awful lot of people here who have no commitment to the community other than their synagogue dues."

They don't realize how many committees and agencies work for the total welfare of the community, Gunn says. "How many people here know," he asks, referring to recent outbreaks of anti-semitism, "that there is a community security committee, that it works closely with the Hamilton police department and that it is one of the federation committees?

Mel Gunn

"Our Jewish education system here is second to none," Gunn states. "Our synagogues are terrific . . . but they can't instil the same sense of community, of heritage and camaraderie that a strong JCC provides through its full family programming."

What he's trying to get across, says Gunn, "is the continuity of the Jewish community and that all agencies have a role to fulfil in this. If people who have the ability to give would realize that the future of their children and grandchildren depends on a strong community, they would give more.

"That is why I feel very strongly that support for Israel can only come from a strong community in the Diaspora!"

In order to function and remain strong, Hamilton has to raise $1 million a year, declares Gunn. "It is capable of raising $1.5 million per year but unfortunately, this goal continues to remain elusive."

For a more effective campaign Gunn hopes to involve many more workers and to break them down into more and smaller categories. The UJA Walkathon on May 17 will be a truly family day with some very big surprises planned by chairman Marvin Caplan, he says.

Vice-chairman Gerry Swaye "is a very dynamic person, very perceptive and with a good grasp of the situation," and the women, under Marcia Halpren and Faye Schmerling, are, as usual, "very well organized and ready to go."

Toronto student heads YU outreach program

NEW YORK — A Toronto-born rabbinical student has been appointed coordinator of Yeshiva University's college outreach program, it was recently announced.

Joel M. Hecker, a student at Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) and a student at the university's Bernard Revel Graduate School (BRGS) will oversee the school's kiruv.

The program includes Jewish identity seminars, shabbatonim, Jewish experimental workshops and summer and winter institutes on some 20 college campuses across the U.S.

According to Hecker, the program's objective is to reach out to Jewish college students in new ways.

"Our approach is to translate age-old Jewish concepts into programs that are meaningful to today's Jewish collegiate," he said.

Joel M. Hecker

Kiruv, Hebrew for bringing close, is a project sponsored by the Rabbinical Council of America and the Max Stern Division of Communal Services of RIETS.

Hecker, a graduate of University of Toronto, studied at Aish Hatorah College of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. He is a 3rd year rabbinical student at RIETS and is also pursuing a Master of Jewish Philosophy degree at BRGS.

He has served as co-leader of the Sha'r Amo Educational Program, sponsored by the Community Synagogue of Monsey, where he worked in Ma'alot, Israel, with Ethiopian immigrants.

He also served as East Coast representative and advisor for the Jerusalem fellowships of Aish Hatorah's summer program for college students.

He has participated in kiruv-sponsored programs for undergraduate students at a number of educational institutions, including Tulane University, Brandeis University, Haverford College and Vassar College.

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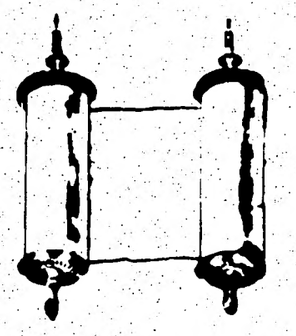

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayikra

Modesty is beautiful, humility, a quiet heart.

A certain chassidic rebbe visited the brilliant Chasam Sofer and constantly repeated — ad nauseum — how little and insignificant he was before the great scholar.

Finally, the exasperated Chasam Sofer stopped him: "You are not that big that you have to make yourself so small. . . ."

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The parsha begins with the three simple words: "Vayikra el Moshe . . . And (God) called to Moses. . . ." The thick, holy cloud, representing the Shechina, rested on the Sanctuary, and Moses was afraid to enter. . . .

But, strange! The word Vayikra is written with a small letter aleph, out of proportion, squeezed tiny. Why? Moses wanted to make the honor seem less, wanted to make himself smaller, less important.

Why was just Moses called? Explains the Medrash Tanchuma: There were other great people in that generation. There were Aaron, and Bezalel and Hur and the 70 elders. But because Moses fled from honor, he was summoned.

Taught our rabbis: Whoever runs away from honors, then honor pursues him. Whoever runs after honors, kavod, then honor runs away from him!

Taught Reb Yitzchak Schmelkes: "It's true that honor runs away from those who seek it. But if they run hard enough, even they can catch up with it!

* * *

When a Jew does a mitzvah, gives charity, no one should know about it, only God.

A certain Jew spent his time fasting and doing penitence. But what good was it if no one knew about it? So he allowed a little bit of the sackcloth that he was wearing to show above his collar — so everyone got the message.

When a certain rabbi saw it, he commented: "Look how clever Satan is. He was able to nab that Jew into his sack!"

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There is modesty, and there is real modesty.

Taught the Talmud: "When Rabbi Judah the Prince died, true humility disappeared. Said Rabbi Yossef: "Don't say humility disappeared! There's me, after all!" (Sotah 49)

What? Rabbi Yossef was boasting that true humility had not disappeared, there was him? Is that modesty? Is that humility?

But Rabbi Yossef was the head of the great Babylonian Academy in Pumpeditha. How did he attain such an exalted post, like being dean of Oxford? It was his brilliance, his learning, his wonderful human qualities.

But Rabbi Yossef didn't see it that way. He insisted: "You know why I became head of the academy? Because of humility. Not mine — others! Look at that rabbi and that other rabbi. They are wiser, more learned, better than me. They should be head — not me. How did I get this post?

"Their humility! Don't say humility has disappeared! Look how humble those other fellows are!" (Dvash Vichalar)

Only a fool boasts. Our wisdom is pathetic. Our wealth will be left behind. Our good looks will moulder away. All we have is the little bit of kindness, the few mitzvahs, the smile, the helping hand, the love.

Please contribute to the Monthly Fund for Passover, c/o Rabbi Meir Gottesman, 3173a Bathurst St., Toronto M6A 2B1. Shabbat Shalom.

Ensuring academic excellence

Endowment fund helps Technion

BY
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Accountability to donors and instilling a sense of involvement with Israel in generations born after its birth are the key to The Toronto-Technion High Tech Fund For Excellence.

Jack Chisvin, a principal with The ECE Group Ltd. (consulting engineers), is chairman of a campaign which seeks a minimum of $1 million for the fund by June to ensure the academic excellence of the institute.

Chisvin, a member of the Technion's international board of governors for about 10 years, is leading the campaign with associate chairman Harry Solomon, and co-chairmen: Adam Buck, Sid Cooper, David Goldberg, David Raitblat, Arnie Recht, Irving Waltman, Bill Weiner and Larry Wenger.

Unlike other campaigns which have raised finances for capital projects at the Technion, says Chisvin, The TTT Fund For Excellence is an endowment fund.

Revenue from the fund will be used for such purposes as: reversal of the "brain drain" by recruiting Israeli academics specializing abroad; hiring young academics for research and teaching; providing research funds for senior faculty; buying new high-tech equipment; and allocating fellowships to outstanding and needy students.

"We're not earmarking these funds for any specific purpose at this point," says Chisvin. "We want to raise a substantial amount of capital which will be invested in Israel.

"Each year, the president of the Technion will identify a project in excellence, and will submit a request to the Toronto board to oversee funding of that program and ask for dispersal (of the necessary funds).

"There's no question that Israel's survival depends on its high level of education," says Chisvin.

"Not to downgrade the education of those studying (the humanities, social sciences, etc.) it's in the technical world that Israel has to excel."

As a world class engineering institution and the source of 75% of Israel's engineers, all of its architects, and many of the country's leading scientists, "I don't question that the Technion is crucial," says Chisvin.

While the new fund addresses the problem of ensuring the excellence of the Technion in Israel, it also is geared to solidifying the relationship between younger generations in the Diaspora with the state, says Chisvin.

To perpetuate that relationship, the campaign is being run on the theme: From Generation to Generation. It will address the identification gap younger Jews may have with Israel because it has always existed for them, says Chisvin.

Campaign organizers, besides appealing to individuals and foundations for donations in units of $50,000 (and $100,000), will also seek gifts from families that will be continued from one generation to the next, perpetuating the process of giving to and governing the fund.

Harry Solomon

Jack Chisvin

Individuals, groups and families who donate $50,000 (and that amount can be given over a period of time) will sit on the board along with the president and executive vice president of The Canadian Technion Society. Families can designate who will represent them.

Board members and other contributors will receive annual reports on the fund, fulfilling its second objective: accountability.

Organizers have have already collected $250,000 towards the goal, says Chisvin and hope to have interest from it available for projects in a year's time.

They plan to cap the campaign with a community party marking the 25th anniversary of The Canadian Technion Society, June 7 at the home of Isadore and Rosalie Sharp.

For more information on The TTT Fund For Excellence, contact The Canadian Technion Society at (416) 789-4545, or write: 491 Lawrence Ave. W. Suite 500, Toronto, M5M 1C7.

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Organizations and People

Experts look at Iran and Irangate

Light is thrown on Islamic fundamentalism

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
With detailed accounts of the ancient past and current events, two experts on the Middle East tried recently to untangle the complicated world of Islamic fundamentalism.

Wolf Blitzer, Washington bureau chief of the Jerusalem Post and Prof. Rivanne Sandler of the University of Toronto's department of Middle East and Islamic studies were the guest speakers of the 11th Annual Zionist Symposium.

Sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation/Jewish Students' Union; the Canadian Zionist Federation; and the Students' Administrative Council, U of T Project Aid, the event was held at the Sir Sandford Fleming Building on the university campus. It was moderated by Prof. Noah Meltz, assistant dean of graduate studies.

While Blitzer analyzed the "Irangate or Iran Amok" scandal, Sandler gave a dissertation on fundamentalism and its "triumph" in Iran.

The success of Islamic fundamentalism in Iran, said Sandler, represents a triumph of the lower classes over the upper classes, and of a rigid religious system over all aspects of life.

Its rise in Iran, she said, was abetted by the overwhelmingly fast pace of modern change and Western values encouraged by the shah and brought in from the West via massive oil revenues.

Many within the country considered it on the brink of regeneration and civilization. Others were unhappy.

Because that change affected the population unevenly, it left many Iranians alienated and disatisfied, concerned about foreign and secular influences and angry about the loss of tradition.

Some young Iranians (mostly males) returned with a Western education ill-equipped to find employment in their home country — others had the political pull to obtain desired positions.

Those without jobs became an army of the frustrated, dispossessed — others had acquired social values at odds with their families'.

Meanwhile the masses began to cling ever more tightly to the Ulema, (Islamic religious officials) who preached a black and white, good and bad view of the world.

Behind this growing dissent lay such historic Shiite religious values as the belief in an infallible leader and, symbols of sacrifice and martyrdom.

And into this rising discontent came Khomeini, "a man of his time...what was needed to bring change in Iran."

Khomeini has taken a radical and original approach to Shiite Islam, said Sandler.

Simply reciting Islamic prayers and following the rituals is not satisfactory for Khomeini, she said.

He has determined the people must be reeducated, with long established notions of an Iran at the mercy of the world effectively emphasized.

Khomeini moved quickly to rid Teheran university of its unacceptable professors and ideas, and to impose a curriculum based on Shiite religious principles. Similar programs were quickly undertaken in the media and cultural organizations.

If Iran was previously a world of two cultures, today public behavior is under scrutiny to conform according to one set of religious beliefs, she said.

"I don't see how that can ever be turned back again," said Sandler. With the young schooled in the dominant view and opposition effectively stifled, "I don't think (the secularists) can be mobilized again."

But if Khomeini and fundamentalism are secure in Iran, its devestating war with Iraq allowed the West to believe it could open contact based on Iran's need for arms, said Wolf Blitzer.

It was an opening that unfortunately became an arms for hostages situation, said Blitzer, whose reports are carried regularly in The CJN.

Both Israel and the U.S. had good reason to hope to reestablish positive links with Iran after the shah was ousted and Khomeini reigned supreme, said Blitzer.

The U.S. feared Soviet incursion into the country; Israel hoped to restore good relations for its own purposes.

And those aspirations for dialogue in the U.S. were encouraged by quiet Iranian assistance during the TWA hijacking in June 1985.

American desires for discussion with the Iranians were pushed further by President Reagan's obsession with freeing American hostages in Lebanon, Blitzer said.

But that obsession allowed a strategic opening to deteriorate into an arms for hostages situation.

Other events pushed the U.S. and Israel closer together in their attempt to deal with Iran.

In 1984, (though it received little attention in the press) Washington found a top CIA agent had been kidnapped in Ethiopia. Because of his vast knowledge of operations, the Americans were frantic to get him out.

After turning to other friendly intelligence agencies without success, Washington asked Israel for help, and the Mossad managed to find him.

Together, the U.S. and Israel rescued the man. The American administration was very grateful.

When William Buckley, CIA station chief in Beirut, was also later kidnapped, the Americans again turned to Israel.

And while the mission to save him was unsuccessful, it renewed U.S. confidence in Israel, and helped lead to their joint effort in making overtures to Iran.

"The Iran arms affair will not have a negative impact on U.S.-Israel relations," said Blitzer. "The U.S. must bear responsibility for it's own actions."

Today, continued Blitzer, the U.S. and Israel agree that there should be a stalemate in the horrendous war between Iran and Iraq.

But while the U.S. slightly favors Iraq, Israel has shifted slightly towards Iran.

Even still, he said, Reagan or his successor would still like to open a dialogue with Iran.

But making arms available to it is unlikely until hostages are freed, terrorism ends and the war ceases.

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Convention centre head says

Sunday opportunities lost

TORONTO —

Metro Toronto is missing an excellent opportunity by closing retail stores on Sundays and holidays, says Bill Duron, president of the Metropolitan Toronto Convention & Visitors Association.

Results of a recent study show that shopping is among the top three expenditure items for visitors and convention delegates alike, he said in a statement.

The average expenditure per visitor party was $632.06 over a 3-night stay. The study also indicates that of the more than 7,400 visitors surveyed, at different locales throughout Metro during 1986, 23% of the visitor dollar was spent shopping.

In 1986 alone some 17 million visitations were made to Metro, generating some $2 billion in revenue, Duron said. More than 453,000 convention delegates convened here spending more than $228 million, on such items as accommodations, dining and shopping.

Shopping for the visitor is among their top three activities while staying in Metro Toronto. Fifty-one percent of the convention delegates surveyed said they shopped while in Metro; 59% of business travelers and 76% of leisure travelers questioned went shopping.

"Most convention delegates arrive on Sunday, have a free day and start their convention on Monday morning," Duron said.

"The leisure traveler can be found visiting Metro on weekends, as it is most convenient, especially for those with children. In both cases the visitor will have the time and money to spend shopping on Sundays," he added.

"Sunday shopping would be an added attraction we can more vigorously promote to visitors," Duron said.

"We highly publicize our exchange rate, especially to American visitors, encouraging them to spend money here.

"If we continue to keep our shops closed on Sundays and holidays, Metro Toronto will be missing out on the revenue potential."

Hospice holding event

TORONTO —

An education evening will be held to mark the opening of the Hospice-Thornhill volunteer community service at 7.30 p.m. April 8 at Langstaff Adult Educational Centre (Yonge St. and Uplands Ave.).

The hospice works in cooperation with existing health care agencies to meet the needs of terminally ill people who are cared for in their own homes as well as their families.

Dr. Robert Buckman, a well-known oncologist at Toronto Bayview Regional Cancer Clinic, will be the guest speaker. He will discuss the role of hospice and the value of humor in the provision of palliative care.

A group of concerned and interested people, with representatives from the medical community, health agencies and clergy have been working since May, 1986, to develop Hospice-Thornhill.

The focus of Hospice-Thornhill is to provide lay volunteers, who perform non-medical duties in the home ranging from sitting with patients, assisting with simple physical needs, meal preparation or picking up groceries or medical supplies.

Assistance with these tasks can offer the caregivers the needed respite from the demands of caring for a terminally ill family member, which are overwhelming.

The hospice has requested financial support from Markham and Vaughan councils to assist with initial operating expenses, and will be actively seeking ongoing corporate and community funding. The two councils have proclaimed the week of April 5-11 as Hospice Week.

The office of Hospice-Thornhill is located at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Brooke St., Thornhill.

Anyone wishing further information, requesting service, or interested in volunteering, should contact Hospice-Thornhill at 764-0656.

Medical researcher to present symposium

TORONTO —

Multiple Sclerosis researcher Dr. Murray Bornstein, will describe his work in treating this potentially crippling disease of the central nervous system at a public symposium to be held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue at 8 p.m. Monday, April 6.

The symposium on new approaches to diagnosis and treatment of M/S is co-sponsored by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Metropolitan Toronto Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

Copolymer-1, developed at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, is a synthetic drug resembling myelin basic protein, one of the proteins that make up myelin, the part of the body damaged by M/S attacks.

Results from a pilot study conducted at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University, New York, suggest that a daily injection of copolymer-1 (Cop-1) decreased the number of M/S attacks in a small number of people prone to frequent relapses.

Bornstein is now directing another pilot study of Cop-1 in people who have the chronic progressive form of multiple sclerosis. He cautioned that the research at this stage is not to determine if Cop-1 is a good treatment for M/S but to decide if additional, larger trials should be conducted in the future.

Joining Bornstein in the symposium will be Julie Gibson, a member of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, who has had multiple sclerosis for eight years, and Dr. George Wortzman, Radiologist-in-Chief, Mount Sinai Hospital.

Gibson will discuss her own experiences with M/S and the appropriate way for doctors to deal with their patients who have M/S.

Wortzman will describe the use of magnetic resonance imaging, a sophisticated scanning device, in diagnosing and evaluating the development of the disease.

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Toronto home for AIDS victims to open in fall

TORONTO —

A home for people in the advanced stages of AIDS will open in Toronto this fall, Health Minister Murray Elston recently announced.

As well as providing $1 million to a Toronto hospital to set up Casey House, the ministry will also provide annual funding for the home which will be run as a hospital satellite program. The location will be announced shortly by the Casey House steering committee chaired by writer and broadcaster June Callwood, which has raised $500,000 of the estimated $1.5 million required to purchase a building in downtown Toronto.

"Discussions have been held with several hospitals interested in operating this supportive program," Elston said. "We expect a decision shortly and will then work out an annual operating budget with the hospital.

"With a home-like environment, Casey House will provide skilled, compassionate care to AIDS victims and supportive counseling for their families," he added.

In addition to 12 residential beds, the home will offer community outreach services and will work cooperatively with community agencies to provide services to enable others with AIDS to remain in their own homes. Professional care will include psycho-social support, including therapists and counselors for patients, families and friends.

Since 1982, there have been 357 cases of AIDS reported in Ontario, of whom 179 are still alive. In Toronto, there have been 251 cases, of whom 129 are still alive.

To date, the ministry of health has spent more than $1 million on AIDS research projects in the province. A comprehensive study is under way at the University of Toronto, directed by Dr. Roger Coates. Studies related to diagnostic screening have been funded at the Hospital for Sick Children and at the University of Western Ontario in London.

Women's image

TORONTO —

The image of the Jewish women in contemporary society will be explored in a series of lectures sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women commencing May 5.

Selma Sage will speak on the topic, Stereotyping Jewish Women: Taking Candid Shots, on May 5, 12 and 19 at the NCJW Foundation Building, 3270 Bathurst St. at Prince Charles. Lectures commence at 9.15 a.m. and run to 11 a.m.

During the series Sage will explore the image of the Jewish woman in film, humor, literature and society.

Sage has lectured and taught on Jewish themes throughout Canada, the U.S. and Israel and is currently teaching about biblical women at York University. She is a life member of Hadassah-WIZO and a member of NCJW.

Admission is by prepaid registration only. The 3-week series costs $15 for members and $20 for non-members. Babysitting is available on request.

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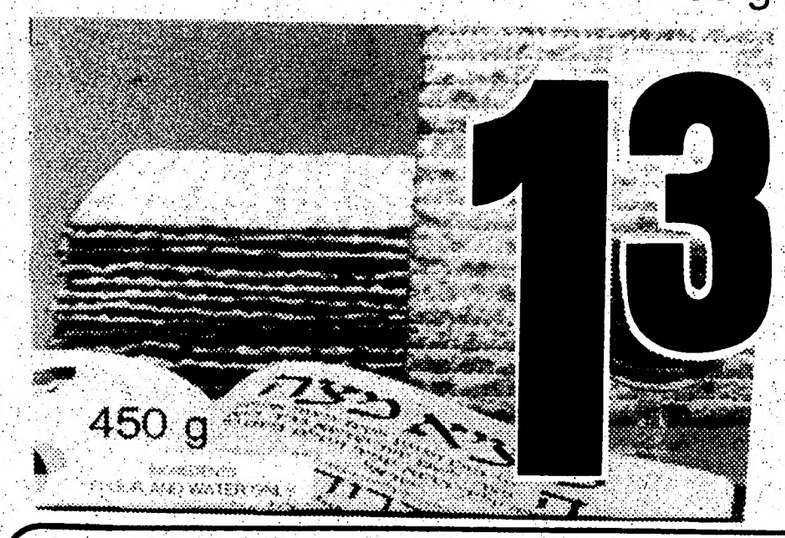

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Organizations and People

Prof. conjectures about Polish Jewry

Had there been no Holocaust . . .

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —
The use of Yiddish among Polish Jews could have disappeared within two generations from 1939 if there was no Holocaust, according to Prof. Samuel Kassow, a scholar of Polish Jewish history.

Kassow, of Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., said the increasing trend between the world wars for Jewish youth to attend Polish state schools might have threatened the use of Yiddish.

In his lecture, The Polish Shtetl In Transition: 1919-1933, at the University of Toronto recently, Kassow gave the following statistics: Between 1919-1939, 58% of Jewish youth in Vilna province went to private Jewish schools, while in Galicia 96% went to Polish state schools.

High state school attendance was due to the strapped economic conditions of the times, stated Kassow.

"Historians can only guess to what degree Polanization would have affected Jews if there were no Holocaust," he said.

Several members of the audience who were youths in Poland at the time disagreed with Kassow's statements.

One man, a teenager at the beginning of World War II, stated that Jews had to know Polish to communicate in the marketplace, but that the main language between one another and in literature was Yiddish.

Prof. Seth Wolitz of the University of Texas at Austin, who lectured before Kassow on Yiddish modernist poets and artists after World War I, said that Jewish modernist artists spoke only Polish.

Kassow's and Wolitz's lectures were organized under the Schwartz Lectures in the Field of Jewish Studies, made possible by an endowment to the University of Toronto in the memory of Joseph and Gertie Schwartz.

Prof. Jacques Kornberg, acting director of Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto, introduced the speakers, informing the audience of growing international interest in academic study of Polish Jewry. Over the past few years, stated Kornberg, studies of Polish Jewry have been introduced at universities in England, Poland, Israel and the United States. He added that Oxford University published a journal on Polish Jewish studies, entitled Polyn.

Noted Israeli journalist Elon set for forum

TORONTO —
Israeli author and journalist Amos Elon will deliver the keynote address at the New Israel Fund's Canada-Israel Dialogue program at 8 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at St. Lawrence Hall, 157 King St. E. at Jarvis.

Engaging Alon on a dialogue on the topic, Israel and Diaspora Jews: Do We Have a Common Agenda, will be Howard Adelman, professor of philosophy at York University, and Milton Harris, immediate past president of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The moderator will be Deborah Brin, rabbi of Congregation Darchei Noam.

Elon is one of Israel's foremost journalists and writers. He has been with Ha'aretz since 1952, and served as the newspaper's special correspondent in Paris, Cairo, Bonn, Prague, Warsaw, Budapest, and Havana in a career that has covered wars, peace, and all the shadings in between.

Among Elon's books are Between Enemies, a dialogue between an Israeli and an Egyptian, and The Israelis: Founders and Sons.

Themes which will be explored at the program include whether there should be a "new rationale" for relations between Israel and the Diaspora, and to what extent the Diaspora is represented by what Israel does, says Trudy Schecter, director of the New Israel Fund of Canada.

Another theme will focus on the role of Diaspora Jews vis-a-vis internal matters in Israel, she added.

Specific current issues and events that may be discussed are the Pollard case, Israel's recent request that the U.S. government deny refugee status to Jews from the Soviet Union, Israel arm sales to South Africa, and the Iran-Contra affair.

Health official in BC urges organ donation

By
DAVID PIERSON

VANCOUVER —
Don't let squeamishness keep you from writing yes in that space on your driver's licence for donating organs in case of death.

So says Mel Cohen, director of British Columbia's new Pacific Organ Retrieval and Transplantation Program (PORTS).

"There are so many people who can be saved, that I'm doing my utmost to see that everyone knows and understands the great benefits of organ retrieval and transplant," Cohen said.

Cohen said the major "stumbling block to getting organ donors is the fear of death. As the insurance ads say, who wants to think about dying?" he said. But it's the giving of life that results with organ transplants and Cohen can't emphasize the point too strongly.

Cohen said that upon the death of a donor the physician asks the family if it would be willing to donate. If the family agrees the PORTS computer swings into action, comparing the medical data of donor and patients until the most viable patient is found.

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Lots of jobs, asserts Berg

By
FRANK RASKY

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He is president of the Towne and Countrye Employment Services Inc., located on the 2nd floor of the shopping mall of the same name at 6464 Yonge St. at Steeles (733-1100). And he'll have you know that recent talk about a shortage of jobs is so much nonsense.

"There are a lot of vacancies we're desperately trying to fill," says Berg. Among them he lists openings for legal secretaries, accountants, systems analysts, word processor operations and a whole spectrum of factory workers.

A recent trend has been a growing demand for older people, 60 and over, in the retail field, especially as salespeople in clothing and jewelry stores.

"Merchants prefer the seniors because they're more reliable than young people," he says. "They're more willing to work odd hours at night and weekends. And, of course, their years of experience and sales savvy are a great asset."

Berg also debunks reports that the majority of younger people are lazybones who don't want to work and have converted the Canadian labor pool into a "welfare society."

He says that attitude is possibly true of a certain number of highschool dropouts aged 18 and 19 who shun demanding jobs and like to live on unemployment insurance.

"On the contrary, I estimate that more than 50% of young people and 75% of the middleaged nowadays have a strong work ethic," he says.

Berg knows whereof he speaks, because he makes it his business to study labor trends.

He's the Toronto-born son of Pearl and Jack Berg, whose late father was vice-president of sales for Levy Auto Parts Ltd. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree, specializing in psychology, from Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Toronto.

He has been a personnel executive all his professional life, serving, among others, the Hospital for Sick Children, Ontario Hydro and the Atomic Energy Corp. of Canada.

He regards his present post as matchmaker, with a staff of five mating employers and employees, and he estimates that more than a third of his clients are Jewish.

His services include workshops for employers trying to improve their interview techniques and employees trying to write better resumes.

What are the major mistakes made when preparing resumes? Berg lists them this way:

• Emphasize the "you" rather than the "I" in the accompanying letter. Don't say: "I want a job because . . ." Instead say: "You will find me a money-making asset because. . . ."

• Don't make a resume longer than two pages. It's a pity because you're trying to condense your whole life in a resume. But it's a fact that a busy executive switches his mind off when he turns to page number three.

• Too many resumes include needless information. Legally you don't have to mention your age, or marital or family status. And if you've been "terminated" in your last job — a polite word for "fired" — you have no need whatsoever to mention that unhappy experience.

"Our goal is to make three different people happy," says Berg. And he ticks them off this way: "No. 1, the employer. No. 2, the employees. No. 3, me."

Fred Berg, a professional "job matchmaker," maintains there are a lot of job openings looking for applicants.

Observant should help AIDS victims: rabbi

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Observant Jews have the religious duty to help the victims of AIDS, says Rabbi Moshe Tendler of Yeshiva University.

"We don't punish our fellow man; all we see is a human being in trouble and we reach out to help him," Tendler said in a recent lecture at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue sponsored by the shul's Adult Education Committee and the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University.

He is chairman of the Bio-Medical Ethics Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America and Chairman of the biology department and professor of Talmudic Law at Yeshiva University.

The rabbi spoke about orthodox Jews tending AIDS babies who are left uncared for by the supposedly more enlightened. "That is the balance, the pathos and the derech (the way) of the Torah."

"Don't play theological games with G-d," Tendler warned. Those who know how to heal, such as doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel, have the obligation to do so.

He also believes that children with AIDS should be permitted to attend school. "The potential damage to their welfare, overrides the minimal risk to other children."

The AIDS epidemic has "changed medicine and affected halacha." Doctors are more hesitant about prescribing blood transfusions and people have held off needed surgery until they can stockpile their own blood, Tendler said.

Mikvahs must according to halacha be chlorinated, since "the AIDS virus is rendered non-active by chlorine, and there is no excuse to subject women to even the slightest danger."

Even the laws concerning chevra kadisha, the ritual practices preparing bodies for burial, are modified when an AIDS victim is involved. "Although we are obligated to risk ourselves to help a live sufferer, we are under no such responsibility for a dead one."

Tendler is concerned that a sense of revulsion against evil has disappeared from society. "Adultery, murder — nothing shocks us anymore."

"It is one thing to help those in need: it is another thing to condone evil."

Tendler believes firmly that day schools have a responsibility to teach moral values. "They teach our children not to touch a candlestick on Shabbes; they don't teach them not to touch their neighbor's wife or his wallet."

The biblical injunction against homosexuality is binding on all humanity, not just on Jews, the rabbi told the audience. Immorality cannot be called an "alternate lifestyle," he said. It is a sin, "an abomination."

Tendler's speech was one of three he gave that day at the synagogue on the subject of Jewish ethics and modern medical and scientific discoveries.

Hebrew U centre to be inaugurated

VANCOUVER —

The Vancouver Student Counseling Centre on the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University will be inaugurated at a founders dinner here Sunday, April 5 sponsored by the Vancouver Chapter of the university's Canadian Friends.

The dinner, which will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem and the return to operation of the Mount Scopus campus, will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel and will start at 6 p.m. with a reception.

Dena Wosk will receive the university's Torch of Learning Award and Bernard Cherrick, the school's vice-president, will preside.

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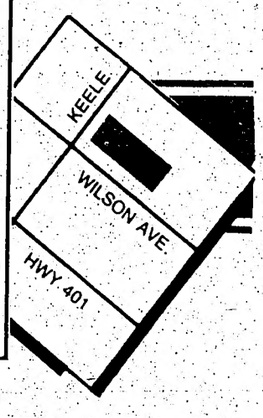

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Adds new products to LCBO shelves

Grafsteins have wine yichus

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

For Nachum (Neil) and Rachel Grafstein, who will be adding over a dozen kosher wines and liqueurs to the shelves of the LCBO around Pesach, distributing the fruit of the vine meant rediscovering family roots.

"It wasn't until recently that the family historian (Senator) Jerry (Grafstein) showed me the documents, drawings, and heraldic emblem of our winery and distillery in 18th century Europe," Nachum Grafstein, 36, told The Canadian Jewish News. "I was pleasantly surprised.

"We were the leading local producer and distributor in the town of Graffenstein," he said. "We also owned the largest inn. On Simchat Torah, the whole community came in shifts for cake and a l'chaim."

The family's emblem, a lean gryphon rampant, remained the town's trademark long after members of the family began to emigrate east to Poland and west to France. That same gryphon — stouter, bearded and downright patriarchal — now bestrides an escutcheon under a massive helmet, to grace Grafstein Wines' business cards and stationery.

Casablanca-born Rachel Ohnona, whom he married five years ago, boasts wine makers on both sides of her family. "Among them, they comprised the bulk of North Africa's wine industry," said Grafstein.

"One of them, a producer of Afriat wines, used a stallion as a trademark. A red horse on the label indicated red wine in the bottle, a white horse, white." All this also, Grafstein said with an affable shrug, he didn't find out until recently.

According to reports by LCBO inspectors, wine critics and the drinking public, the wines that the Grafsteins are bringing in will be no disappointment to their dual yichus.

Included are:

• Two chenin blancs, a Gewurztaminer early harvest, and a chardonnay from California's Gan Eden winery, dry to medium dry white wines at $12-$13 a bottle. "The Chenin Blanc Naturally Sweet and the Chardonnay Alexander Valley have been ordered by the LCBO's vintage and rare wine store," said Grafstein, "not because they happen to be kosher, but because they are very good, particularly for the price."

• Two pinot blancs and a riesling from Alasce in France's Societe Cooperative Vinicole de Sigolsheim, dry whites at $9-$10 a bottle. An LCBO wine consultant pronounced them equal to or better than their non-kosher counterparts.

• A dry red minervois Chateau de paraza at $9.75 and beaujolais Domaine de la Salle from Andrieu-Fulcrand and Yves Roye vineyards, respectively, also — from France.

• Two dry whites and a dry red from California's Hagafen vineyard: Johannesburg riesling, Winery Lake Vineyard chardonnay, and Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon. All three are in the LCBO's vintage wine outlet.

• Three dry reds — Gigondas and Chateau Gramet from the Sieva vineyard, and Vin de Pays de l'Agenais from Berdugo from France.

Entries from Israel include a sweet red wine, $5, and a "very popular" almond liqueur from Hebron Wine Cellars, and another sweet red and a plum brandy from Elias Binyamina winery.

The Hebron winery is run by the Belzer chassidim, who employ "the latest techniques and Israel's top viticulture experts." Eliaz "is finally introducing stainless steel vats and offers equipment that should make it one of the top wineries in the country."

Grafstein told The CJN that LCBO testers lauded the clarity and purity of the Gan Eden wines. They and several of the French ones have won prizes in competitions against "regular, non-kosher wines."

He said that the Eliaz slivovitz is the only plum brandy currently available at the LCBO; two other plum brandies were delisted for chemical additions. "When a rabbi oversees production, he is most likely to say 'leave it out' when it comes to non-essential elements," said Grafstein.

Grafstein's white wines were the object of some recent praise by Toronto Star wine critic Tony Aspler.

Grafstein also distributes wine to some 200 synagogues from Nova Scotia to Manitoba, in yearly quantities ranging from three bottles to dozens of cases.

It was the synagogue trade, he said, that induced him to enter the public wine market. (His synagogue list is at least four times as long as the LCBO one.)

"People were ripping the labels off the bottles in shul, first to make sure the wine was kosher, and then to find out where it came from. I was getting 40 calls a day around Pesach," he said. Grafstein's first listing, in 1985, was the Eliaz slivovitz, which "sold out immediately."

Grafstein's provision of community functions — "at good discounts" — included the mammoth Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel dinner at the Sheraton late last fall.

The Grafsteins' trade and tradition are also affecting their own children, at this writing twin daughters 3 years old. "When we make kiddush, they take a sniff, swirl the wine around in their glass, and ask: 'Is this a beaujolais, Abba?' "

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North York appoints task force

Compromise sought on rules for places of worship

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

North York City Council decided recently to appoint a task force to attempt to come to a compromise on proposed bylaws regulating the location and size of places of worship.

Following a 3-hour meeting during which ratepayers and religious communities clashed over terms of the proposed bylaw, Council decided to refer the contentious issue to the task force. The task force will consist of representatives of ratepayers groups, religious communities and city council members and will report back to Council by Sept. 21. The mayor's office will determine the membership of the task force.

Prior to the Council decision, spokesmen from a number of churches and Toronto Jewish Congress told Council the proposed bylaw would relegate places of worship to the fringes of the community and would make it difficult for smaller congregations to practice their faiths.

Under terms of a by-law proposed by the Planning Advisory Committee, places of worship would be limited to industrial and commercial areas as well as major roads and feeder roads in residential areas. Religious groups said the price of land on those streets could make acquisition of new properties prohibitive.

Andrew Paton, lawyer for Toronto Jewish Congress, told Council the task force should attempt to conciliate the situation. The proposed bylaw, he said, is unworkable and if passed, could prompt TJC to appeal its validity to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Bernie Farber, a Congress spokesman, said TJC's position is that "compromises have to be negotiated by the parties."

Father Massie Lombardy, interim chairman of a 15-member North York Interfaith Committee for the Protection of Religious Institutions, told Council that places of worship belong in the community and have grown with the community. They shouldn't be shunted aside to areas outside the heart of residential neighborhoods, he said.

The Interfaith Committee includes representatives from the Toronto Board of Rabbis, Toronto Lutheran Council, the Moslem community of Toronto, the United Church of Canada, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, the People's Church of Canada, the Greek Orthodox community, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto, Baptist churches and Evangelical Lutherans.

Spokespeople for a number of ratepayers groups said they objected to the intrusion in their neighborhoods of unwanted traffic and congestion around religious institutions that are active seven days a week. They complained of insufficient parking spaces serving places of worship resulting in congested streets and parking in private driveways.

Under the proposed bylaw, parking requirements would increase for new places of worhip.

Archeologist Shiloh to talk

TORONTO —

Prof. Yigal Shiloh, former chairman of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Archeology, will speak at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., on Sunday, April 12 at 10 a.m. His topic: "Ancient Jews in light of recent archeological discoveries."

Shiloh, one of Israel's foremost archeologists, has attained acclaim as head of the excavations of the City of David, located near the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

He has participated also in digs in the Judean desert caves, Ramat Rahel, Arad, Tell Nagila, Masada, Hazor and Megiddo.

His presentation is being co-sponsored by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and Beth Tzedec.

Jack I. Hauer, president of the Toronto Chapter of Canadian Friends, will serve as the event's moderator.

For more information, contact Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, 789-2633.

Yigal Shiloh

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The Bond office's telephone number remains the same: 789-3351.

Hosek to seek Grit nod

TORONTO —

Chaviva Hosek, past president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, has announced she will seek the Liberal nomination in the provincial riding of Oakwood.

The nomination meeting will be held April 8 at 7 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple.

Hosek's career includes 13 years on the faculty of the department of English literature at the University of Toronto and several years as a scholar at McGill University and Harvard, where she received her doctorate. She is currently employed as research partner in pension and corporate finance at Gordon Capital Corporation.

If Hosek gets the nomination she will go up against NDP incumbent Tony Grande who has held the riding since 1975. In the last election he defeated the Liberal candidate by 983 votes.

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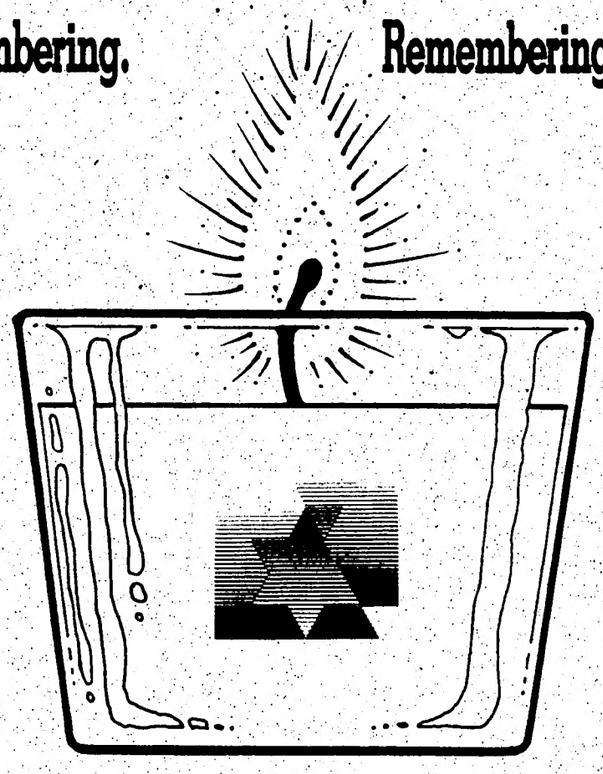

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Organizations and People

"Volunteerism must be synonymous with excellence"

Politicians, community leaders honor Starr

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

It was an evening of all-"Starrs" as Patricia Starr last week was honored with B'nai B'rith Canada's Scroll of Leadership for her involvement in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

Leaders from numerous Jewish organizations and political representatives of all stripes were among the over 450 who came out to pay tribute to Starr at an elegant dinner at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Among the personalities present were federal politicians Barbara McDougall, Bill Attewell, Roland de Corneille, Robert Kaplan; Ontario cabinet ministers and MPPs, Premier David Peterson, Monte Kwinter, Ken Keyes, Bernard Grandmaitre, Lily Munro, Alvin Curling, John Sweeney, Elinor Caplan, Gregory Sorbara, Bruce McCaffrey and former MPP Dennis Timbrell.

Municipal representatives present included North York Mayor Mel Lastman, Richmond Hill Mayor Al Duffy, Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton, June Rowlands, Esther Shiner, Howard Moscoe, Norm Gardner, Irv Chapley, Milton Berger, Ron Kanter, Paul Sutherland, Betty Disero and Trustee Mae Waese. Community leaders in attendance included Paul Brownstein, Michael Rosenberg, Genya Intrator, Frank Wilson, Harry Bick, Charles Zaionz, Milton Harris, Les Scheininger, Mira Koschitzky, Nita Goldband, Ralph Snow and Frank Wilson.

Also in attendance was Starr's husband Jerry, who is a sportswear manufacturer and their five children, David, Evan, Brooke, Stuart and Randy.

The Scroll of Leadership is presented annually to an individual who has displayed outstanding achievement as well as dedication to national, regional and municipal concerns. As speaker after speaker revealed, Starr fits the bill to a T.

For the past 20 years she has served as an organizer, planner and motivator in various regional and local positions. She is a life member of B'nai B'rith Canada. She is currently serving both as president of the charitable foundation and as grants officer of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section and as an officer of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Starr has also served as an officer of the Jewish Community Centre; chairman of the Federal Advisory Board — Employment and Immigration, Toronto; chairman of the Foundation Division of the United Way of Metro Toronto.

She has also been appointed to numerous board positions including the O'Keefe Centre; committee of adjustment, North York; Metro Toronto Housing Authority; Mayor's Committee on Race Relations; Social Planning Council of Metro Toronto; Ontario Committee on the Status of Women; Jewish National Fund and the Ben Gurion University.

In accepting the award, Starr praised BB for being in the forefront in the fight for equality and traced her own involvement in the organization, admitting she could have handled some past confrontations with a softer approach...

"However I have always striven for, and demanded from myself and my colleagues a level of excellence," Starr said in a powerhouse address. "This award recognizes that principle. Mediocrity is really another word for indifference. Volunteerism must be synonmous with excellence. The achievement of excellence has a price.

"I view this recognition as a great honor, not only to me, but to the concept of volunteerism and community service. It is truly a statement of appreciation to the hundreds of commited men and women who labor for the betterment of this community and our world in general."

Starr paid tribute to the many organizations she has worked with including the National Council of Jewish Women, the Jewish Community Centre and Jewish National Fund and praised all those involved in the Prince Charles Housing Project.

"Today is a milestone and even though my involvements have expanded, and a certain professionalism will enter the picture, I am and always will be who I am. A woman who cared enough to try — who was not afraid to take a chance. I still have a long way to go but if a catch phrase were needed, it would have to be one that the Kennedys spoke many years ago 'Some people see the world as it is — and ask why? I dream of things that have not yet been — and ask, why not?'."

Dinner co-chairman Jane Pepino set the tone for the evening saying Starr has always approached everything she does with compassion and caring.

"She is fiercely loyal, but never lets that loyalty blind her or make her less open to new people or new causes. She is a role model for women who are striving for excellence and recognition but she has not forgotten that all women do not have her gifts or the gift of her situation."

Following a menorah lighting ceremony led by BB executive vice-president Frank Dimant, dinner co-chairman Jim Peterson introduced his brother Premier David Peterson, saying that as the second of three brothers, David learned at an early age how to occupy the centre.

Harry Bick (right) and Frank Dimant congratulate Patricia Starr on her being honored with B'nai B'rith Canada's Scroll of Leadership Award. [Graphic Artists photo]

In an upbeat response, the Premier praised Starr for taking on difficult causes and "bulldozing" her way to aid others.

"I suspect there isn't a person in this room she hasn't touched," the Premier said. "Her enthusiasm, her eternal optimism and affection for everyone and ability to get things done is a remarkable set of qualities.

"I can't tell you on how many occasions I have fallen victim to her enthusiasm — every single time for a wonderful cause," Peterson added.

Charles Zaionz, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, made hamotzi and thanked Starr and BB for inviting CJC to participate in the proceedings.

During the lavish dinner, head table guests paraded before the podium to praise Starr. Among the participants was Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott ("She's a remarkable and difficult woman."); Minister of Citizenship and Culture Lily Munro ("She is compassionate and contributes to the community as she knows what community is about"); Housing Minister Alvin Curling ("I was in shock for a few days when I first met her. She has chutzpah. She gives something of herself every hour every day"); Nita Goldband, president of National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto, ("You are a gutsy broad, Patti. Only an expression as strong as that can relay the dedication and strength she has brought to us"); federal Minister of State Barbara McDougall, ("There is no greater gift to the community then to give of oneself and that is what Patti has done"); Mayor Lastman, ("She's practically a household word in our city. She's the type of person who won't take no for an answer"); and Mayor Duffy.

McDougall also brought greetings from David Crombie and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, de Corneille brought greetings from John Turner and Pepino read a letter from Ontario Oppostion leader Larry Grossman praising the honoree.

William Morris, BB foundation chairman, made a presentation to the co-chairmen thanking them for their efforts in ensuring the tribute dinner was a success. BB national president Harry Bick made the presentation to the honoree.

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Organizations and People

Healthwatch

Daycare diarrhea grows

Compiled By
DAVID BIRKAN

Mild diarrhea is rampant in day care centres, an American researcher reported at a recent seminar on infectious diseases in South Carolina.

University of Texas professor of infectious diseases Dr. Herbert DuPont said that day care centres provide a "very efficient way" of transmitting organisms causing the disease.

Diaper changing areas become contaminated, he said, and "transmission occurs on the hands of attendants and teachers." Infants carefully protected at home quickly pick up the disease.

He recommended high standards of cleanliness.

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Physicians often choose to ignore signs of sex abuse in children because they don't want to get involved, said Los Angeles psychiatrist Dr. Roland Summit. He was addressing the 1st National Conference on Missing and Exploited children, held recently in Chicago.

He urged physicians to perform specific laboratory tests on children with symptoms like nonspecific urethritis, vaginitis, and perineal and anal inflammation. "These are not always the result of poor hygiene and unventilated underwear," he said.

In many cases, he pointed out, "the fact that the perpetrator is often in a trusted and apparently loving position only increases the imbalance of power and underscores the helplessness of the child."

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A study of child abuse victims indicates they have been "unexpectedly resilient" in overcoming their trauma.

"I am pleasantly surprised," said University of Pittsburgh researcher Susan Taylor-Brown, at an American Public Health Association meeting recently.

The ongoing study of 59 subjects, including a control group, was launched in 1974. "These were severely abused children; some more severely abused than ever reported in public."

Another authority emphasized that the study could dispel once and for all the notion that abused children grow into abusive adults.

Evaluations at the start, based on speech difficulties and other symptoms of trauma, predicted "difficulty if not, in fact, frank failure," in the children's high school performance. It turned out "much better than we anticipated. About 75% of them have either completed high school or are now in college."

Said Taylor-Brown: "In five years we'll get a better sense of how they are functioning as independent adults with their own families."

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Gendron, the recently revamped baby carriage company, reports brisk sales of its new electronic infant alarm.

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The mnemonic value of a birth date and the efficacy of the shot suggest that children should be imunized against measles when they are a year old.

This recommendation of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization was reiterated at the recent National Conference on Immunization in Toronto.

Dr. John Waters, chief epidemiologist for Alberta, said studies suggest there is negligible benefit in waiting until the child is 15 months old, a standard procedure. That age, he added, does not represent a milestone in most children's lives, so "compliance is not as good as when the first birthday is used."

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The U.S. Academy of Pediatrics recently called for a ban on the production of 3-wheeled all-terrain vehicles and a recall of those in use.

In a press conference at its annual meeting in Washington, the academy said there were more than 550 deaths from ATV accidents in the U.S. in the past five years, 40% of which occurred among children under 16. There have also been about 85,000 associated injuries each year requiring emergency room treatment.

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Young people's resistance to drugs and alcohol is best achieved through fostering proper choice based on traditional values of independence, says a Calgary consultant on human behavior.

Ken Lowe, a contributing editor for the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission's magazine for teenagers, said: "We are not doing such a wonderful job in preparing our youth to manage the challenge of freedom."

Simple-minded interventions and paternalistic regulations will only make the problems of drug abuse worse, he told the Drug Education Coordination Council's 4th annual conference, held recently in Toronto.

He blamed overprotection, passive entertainment and bureaucratization for undermining young people's abilities to learn how to do things wisely.

Lowe said that as a child, he spent much of his life shooting a BB gun in the backyard, setting off fireworks, building bonfires, climbing trees, or playing on the river ice in spring. "Do any of these things today, and you'll have 14 squad cars out there. 'What are you doing? Want to hurt yourself? Want to poke your eye out? Want to break your neck.'?"

Group joins BB Canada

TORONTO —

The junior division of the Agudas Hamishpocha United Families Organization has recently come into the folds of B'nai B'rith Canada.

In a signing ceremony, Agudas president Norman Rubinoff empowered the division leadership — Neil Naft, Richard Naft, Randy Palef and Howard Rubinoff — to proceed with the formation of the United Families Lodge of BB. The formal chartering is scheduled for the fall.

Palef stated that he hopes "that affiliation with B'nai B'rith Canada will enhance the work of the United Families and will afford those individuals who have not yet joined to affiliate with the family group and at the same time play an important role in Jewish life .... We have the family spirit and now in the larger family of B'nai B'rith ... we hope to perpetuate the aims and traditions for which our organization was founded."

For 60 years, Agudas Hamishpocha — the family organization representing the Rubinoff, Naftolin, Arnoff, Sloven and Edson relatives — has functioned as a group conducting charitable activities at Mount Sinai Hospital, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Youth Aliyah. At Pesach, members help provide for families in Toronto and Israel.

The men's and women's junior divisions were created in 1942.

If your family roots have the aforementioned five names plus Mandlsohn and Lutrofsky, call Palef at 416-731-2787 to become part of the new lodge.

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Plundered and vandalized by Nazis

Dutch community seeks to regain, rebuild shul

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Philip Prijs is a man with a mission. A man determined to retrieve one small part of the Jewish past, to renew it for the present, and preserve it for the future.

Prijs (pronounced Price) is a representative for a group of Jews and non-Jews who are working to reclaim and rebuild the synagogue of Breda, Holland.

He came to Toronto recently (and will be here for about one month) to raise support for what will be the centrepiece of the tiny Jewish community and a monument to those slain in the Holocaust.

Breda, a 900-year-old provincial town close to the border with Belgium, is home to about 85 Jews out of a population of 125,000.

Before World War II it had a Jewish community of about 180, of whom 125 were destroyed in the Holocaust.

(Prijs, who was born in Amsterdam in 1929, was given refuge by non-Jews in several places in Holland. He was liberated while hiding in Breda).

Besides the lives which it destroyed, the war claimed another valuable possession: The community's synagogue.

In 1845, the Jews of Breda built a finely decorated neo-classical synagogue. Above its monumental entrance within the arch, a psalm by King David proclaimed in Hebrew: "Into the House of God we shall enter many in number with one thought only."

After the Nazis invaded, the population was carried off, the synagogue plundered and vandalized. Its library was stripped, interior decorations carted away and its Torah scrolls have never been seen again.

After liberation by Canadian and Polish forces those members of the community who survived reassembled.

In 1945, they began to hold their gatherings and Shabbat celebrations in the living room of one of their members.

And when a few more Jewish families settled in and around Breda, they obtained the use of ground floor rooms of a house.

Philip Prijs, who had returned to Amsterdam following the war, was sent back to Breda as representative of a knitwear factory. He became president of the community in 1963 and held the position until 1977 when he was replaced by Dr. Ies (Isaac) Heertje, the current president.

Prijs and other community members began to dream of the possibility of regaining their synagogue and returning it to its original condition.

But the synagogue had since become a hatmaker's factory. Later it became a factory for producing cakes and chocolates, and was finally subdivided and used as artists' studios.

When in 1984, the municipality bought the decrepit building and announced its intention of tearing it down and replacing it with housing, the Jews protested and appealed.

The community, which brings in a rabbi from Antwerp (about 45 km away) when they need one and a teacher weekly for the children, no longer had enough space in its rented quarters, says Prijs.

They wanted to regain their historic spiritual home as the nucleus for the community and a site for a monument to victims of the Holocaust, says Prijs.

He became involved, he says, because "I was living in Breda and am very Jewish in my heart."

In 1985 the community came to agreement with the municipality to buy back the building, and began a foundation in December 1986 to raise funds to restore it.

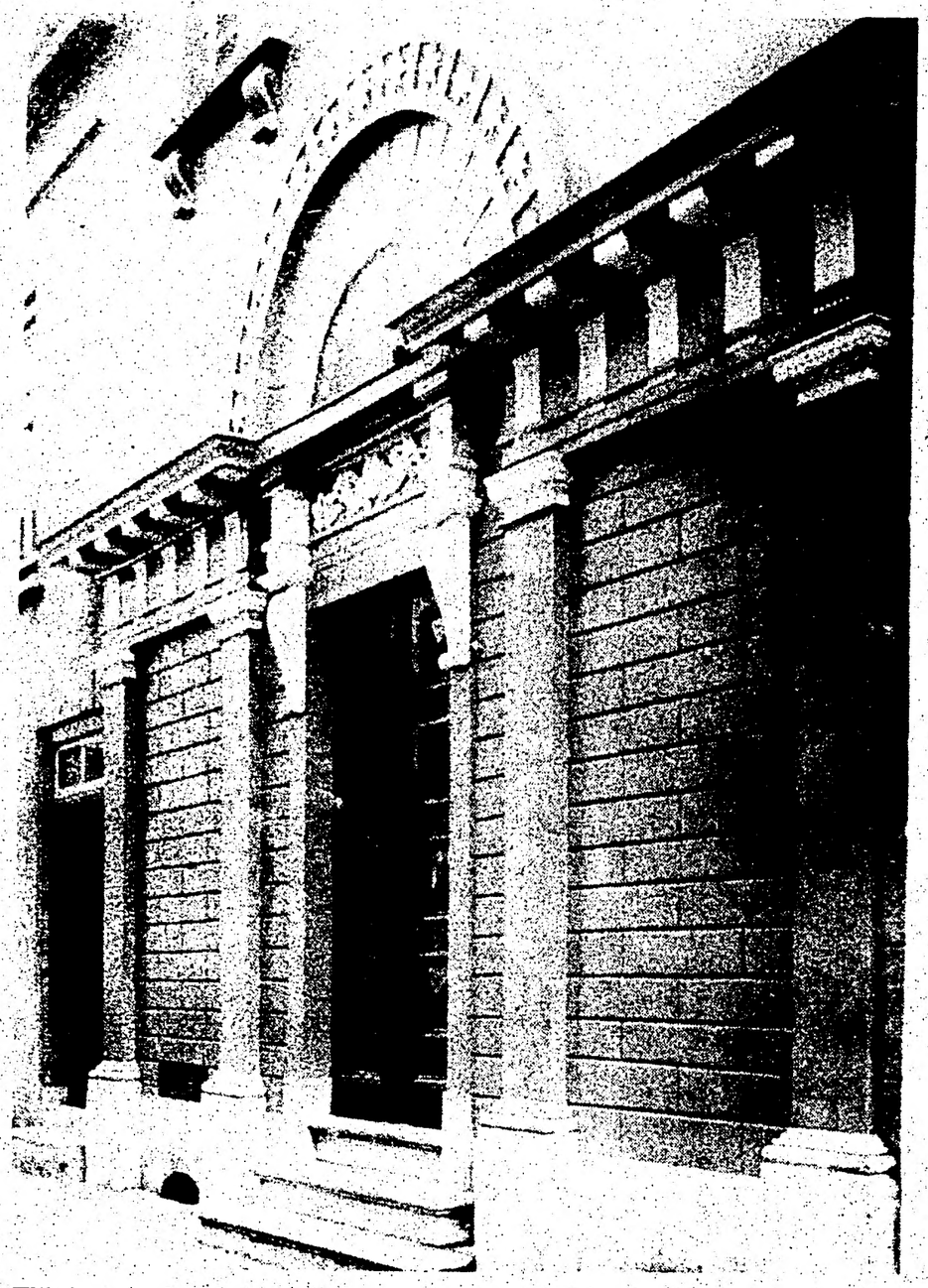
However, even with the backing of the Jewish community and all the town's churches to raise the 400,000 guilders (about $360,000 Canadian) needed, there will still be a deficit, says Prijs.

It will cost 250,000 guilders to buy back the synagogue from the city (a good deal, says Prijs), and 150,000 guilders has been earmarked for reconstruction according to available photographs and other documents.

He hopes the traditional Canadian friendship with Holland based on wartime support (many Canadian soldiers are buried in or around Breda, he notes); and the interest of outside Jewish communities in their fellow Jews will be expressed in contributions to the project.

While Prijs is in Toronto, he can be contacted at the Thornhill home of his sister, Klare de Hondt-Prijs at (416) 889-5296.

Contributions can also be made directly to: Foundation for the rebuilding of Breda's synagogue, Account no. 142.549.44, Rabobank of Prinsenbeek, Holland.



This image taken from an old postcard shows the monumental entry to the Breda Synagogue as it was before it was vandalized by the Nazis. The inscription over the arch is a psalm by King David.

Guidelines help cash your Bonds in Israel

TORONTO —

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• Tourists do not have to pay VAT on purchases made at tourist-approved shops, provided they pay in foreign currency or by bank check showing that the local currency was obtained by the cashing of a Bond. A list of tourist-approved shops is available from any Tourist Information Office.

• It's a good idea to call the local Bond office prior to going to Israel. The Toronto number is (416) 789-3351.

• Once in Israel, the State of Israel Bonds contact is Nissim Cohen in Jerusalem. You can phone him at 02-222-381 for assistance.

Prof: Israel could have the most Jews by 2010

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —

Israel could have the world's largest Jewish population by 2010 due to zero population growth and intermarriage in the Diaspora, according to Prof. Daniel Elazar, director of the Centre for Policy Studies in Jerusalem.

Elazar stated that every Diaspora community has zero population growth. He added that the rate of intermarriage in France is 50%, with Britain not far behind.

The Israeli academic was speaking at Temple Sinai recently in the Leonard Wolinsky Lectures on Jewish Life and Education.

Elazar blamed the decline in Diaspora communities on the Western lifestyle. "Jews have embraced another kind of faith: hedonistic individualism, which goes counter to elements which are required for a Jewish life," he said.

Canada's Jewish community will become prominent as other Diaspora communities decline, stated Elazar, due to a slight population increase from Israeli, South African and Iranian immigration and strong ethnic ties prompted by Canadian multiculturalism.

Jewish ethnic identification in the United States "is a myth," said Elazar, while in France it is non-existent because of French dislike of foreigners.

With the disposal of ethnic ties in large Diaspora communities such as those in the U.S. and France, Jewish identification comes through common political beliefs, as in support of Israel and Soviet Jewry, and in religion, especially among the Orthodox, he said.

Elazar stated that higher birthrates exist only among chassidic and ultra-Orthodox Jews. "Is there a non-Orthodox alternative to hedonistic individualism?" Elazar asked the audience.

He said increasing intermarriage and zero population growth were "fulfiling the Holocaust's purpose."

Elazar is a professor of political science at Bar-Ilan University in Israel and Temple University in Philadelphia, and is an advisor to the United States and Israeli governments.

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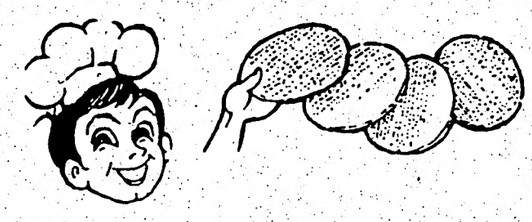

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BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND KOSHER PASSOVER

Joel Strauss on his way to a 1st place finish at the recent Ontario championships.

Strauss breaks two Ontario records

JCC weightlifters' results impress

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Considering only three of its members entered the recently held Ontario Provincial Weightlifting Championship, the Jewish Community Centre has to be happy with the results.

Two of the three finished 1st in their respective divisions and the third finished a respectable 4th.

Joel Strauss led the way, breaking two Ontario powerlifting records while on his way to a 1st place finish in the 82.5 kg class. Cliff Gardner, 24, finished 4th.

Hana Ashkenazi, 20, placed 1st in the 67.5 kg. class.

For Strauss, it was the second time since 1982 that he participated in the Ontario championships (injuries kept him from competing in other years).

At each competition, though, he gets noticed. Last time he set the Ontario senior record in the snatch event. This time, he broke his own record, snatching 147.5 kg, compared to his previous record of 140.5.

In the combination event, which includes the snatch with the clean and jerk, Strauss set a second record at 310 kg, eclipsing the previous mark by 2.5 kg.

How'd he get so good? If you drop by the JCC northern branch, chances are you'll see why. That's where you'll find Strauss and seven others pumping iron at the JCC Weightlifting Club.

Strauss puts all those straining muscles to good use. In 1985 he participated at the Maccabiah Games in Israel, finishing second in his weight category. And he's "improved since then," he says.

Best listed in Ontario

Right now, Strauss can also boast being named "best listed in Ontario." When you consider performance and body weight, he's at the top in the province.

Strauss comes by his accomplishment honestly. His father is a lifting coach who got him interested in the sport at age 11. "I get my inspiration from him," Strauss says.

With the Ontario title under his belt, the 21-year-old lifter is now setting his sights even higher. His next goal is to win the Canadian championships in Quebec in the third week in May. Strauss placed 4th in that competition in 1985.

After that there are the Pan American Games in August and in the longer run, the Olympics.

CONGRESS CALENDAR OF *ADULT EDUCATION & CULTURE EVENTS* FOR APRIL, 1987

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April 5	Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, 16th regional conference on Jewish education. Keynote speaker, Dr. Bernard Shapiro, deputy minister of education, topic, "Sensitizing the Education Community To Religious Tolerance." Congregation B'nai Jacob, 161 Stirling Ave. S., Kitchener. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For information call (416) 635-2883.
April 5	Congregation B'nai Torah, Joseph Feder Memorial Lecture, lecturer, Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom, topic: "An Assessment of the Global Condition of Jewry." 465 Patricia at Bathurst. 8 p.m.
April 7	Toronto Jewish Music Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, presents An Evening of Jewish Choral Music with 11 participating choirs. Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., 8 p.m. Admission is free.
April 7	Canadian Zionist Federation and Canadian Jewish Congress, Community Action for Israel Committee presents Israel Update! Guest speaker Dr. Yosef Lapid. Topic, "Syria in Lebanon." Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Free admission.
April 7	Passover Institute, "The Whys and Hows of Pesach." Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Willowdale. For information 221-3433.
April 8	The Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral, a public lecture by Rabbi Harvey W. Meirovich on "Judaism's Cycle of Mourning: A Psychological View." Toronto Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave., 8 p.m.
April 9	Alan Coatsworth Memorial Lecture, "Mending the World," speaker Sister Mary Jo Leddy, respondent, Rabbi Dr. W. Gunther Plaut; chairman, Dr. Victor C. Goldbloom. Sponsored by Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and the Young Maccabees. Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., 8 p.m. Admission is free. For information 364-3101.
April 13	Passover seder, conducted by Cantor Martin Rosenblum, Adath Shalom Synagogue, 846 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview. For information 635-0101. Reservations and prepayment required.
April 14	Communal second seder, conducted by Rabbi Sheldon Korn, Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill. Reservations, 889-4975.
April 28	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, Zechariah, chapters VI, VII, VIII, lecturer Rabbi Irwin Witty. Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
April 30	Concert sponsored by She'arim Hebrew Day School and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, featuring Chazzan Alberto Mizrahi and the Zemel Chorale from London, England. 100 Elder St., 8 p.m. For information 633-3838.

Hoopster clinic will be held

TORONTO —

The Maccabi Canada-Jewish Community Centre collaboration continues on April 5, when the two organizations will co-host a basketball clinic at the JCC northern branch.

Two gyms at the JCC have been set aside to meet the expected throngs of would-be Larry Birds who will try to lay-up, dribble and pass their way into the coaches' hearts.

Up to 200 boys and girls aged 12-17 are expected, and with guest coaches Jack Donohue and Bob Bain set to put them through their paces, it's easy to see why. Donohue is the colorful coach of Canada's national team, while Bain is basketball coach at York University. He led the Canadian contingent to the Maccabiah Games in 1985.

Jack Donohue

The Maccabi-JCC brain trust has decided that if you want to attract kids into their respective programs, you've got to first attract them to the gym. Sports clinics are the answer, and this basketball day is the forerunner for other scheduled clinics, such as one on karate set for May 3 and a track day later in the spring.

"We want to introduce the kids of this age to Maccabi so we can identify future Maccabi athletes," says Pam Gollish, a Maccabi spokesperson.

Those deemed worthy might be offered a place on one of the JCC's basketball teams where they may be groomed for a spot on a future team to the Maccabiah Games, held every four years in Israel.

Everybody at the upcoming clinic, which runs from 1-4 p.m., will be divided by age and participate in a variety of basketball drills. "It will be a practical clinic so they won't just stand there and be watching," Gollish says.

Besides the big-name coaches, also on hand tutoring the youngster will be members of the Canadian national team and the team that represented Canada at the 1985 Maccabiah Games.

Admission is free and the clinic is open to everyone.

Free JCC membership

TORONTO —

The Jewish Community Centre has introduced two new programs designed to get youngsters more involved at the Centre.

The bar/bat mitzvah program is aimed at 12 and 13-year-olds having a bar or bat mitzvah and entitles them to a year's free membership at any of the JCC's three branches.

The membership includes full use of recreational facilities as well as participation in special teen programs with social and Jewish identification activities.

The program is called **Teen Input** and will allow participants to have a say in determining the types of programs. The aim of the program is to stimulate teens to become actively involved in the Jewish community and to continue an awareness of their heritage.

The second new offering at the JCC is a free membership for children 5-12-years-old where one parent is a member of the JCC. The children will be entitled to a full youth or junior membership with use of the facilities in their age group.

For more information, contact Frances Adler at 636-1880.

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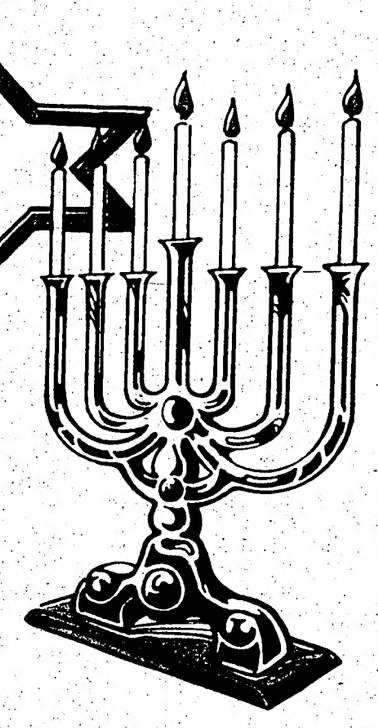

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TORONTO —

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Baked Goods: Hermes Bakeries, Richman's Bakery, Silverman's Bakery.

Beverages: Canada Dry Ltd., Dominion Dry Ginger Ale Co. Ltd., Nu-Jersey Creme Co. Ltd., Reinhart's Beverage, Roma Soft Drinks, Seven-Up Toronto.

Chocolates and Confections: Chocolate Charm Ltd., Lieberman's Splendid Chocolates.

Coffee: Columbia Coffee (for institutions), Steinberg's Instant Coffee (Miracle Food Mart).

Dairy Products: Astro Dairy Products Ltd., Ault Dairies Ltd. (Sealtest Products and Silverwoods Dairies), Daiter's Silverthorn, Great Canadian Food Products Co. (hard cheeses), Heritage Farm (milk), Western Bird's Hill Creamery Ltd. (Blue Bell, Bird's Hill, Western).

Detergents: (Liquid and powdered), Economics Laboratory (Electrasol, Finish, Jet Dry Liquid, Jet Dry Solid, Score), Steinberg Ltd. (Miracle Food Mart).

Fish Products: Smoked Fish Factory, Feature Foods Ltd., Strub Brothers Ltd., Vatco (tuna).

Fruit Juices: Holiday Juices Ltd., Sun Pac Foods Ltd.

Fruit Salad: Amber Foods Ltd. (Citrus Food Products), Dessertcraft.

Honey: Billy Bee Honey Products Ltd.

Jams: Steinberg Ltd. (Miracle Food Mart).

Jelly: Flav-O-Gel (Gibbons Foods).

Pickled and Marinated Products: Feature Foods Ltd., Strub Brothers Ltd.

Salt: The Canadian Salt Co. Ltd. (Windsor Salt), Domtar Group (Sifto Salt).

Spreads: Eden Manufacturing (Vegarine).

Takeout Foods and Delicatessen: Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Pride of Israel — Max Zuchter Caterer, Beth Torah — Rose Lazar Caterers, Beth Tzedec — Caterers York and Sweet York Desserts, L'echaim Caterers, H. Perl, Shaarei Tefillah and Beth Tikvah — Peter Graven Caterers, Stroli's, Tastefully Yours (Beth Sholom).

Yogurt: Astro Dairy Products Ltd., Western Bird's Hill Creamery.

Butcher Shops: Abram's Kosher Meat (Bathurst St.), Food City (Thornhill), B. Goldstein, Hartman's, J. Kirshen, Kosher Meats & Treats, Manor Kosher Meat Market, H. Perl, Prime Kosher (Loblaws), Springer's, Stroli's, Sunnybrook Food Market, Yossi's Fine Foods, Miracle Food Mart (Bathurst and Hillmount, Bathurst and Finch, Bathurst and Sheppard, Yonge and Sheppard, Don Mills and Steeles).

Fish Markets: Akiva's Kosher Foods, Akiva's Fish Market, Sunnybrook Food Market, Yossi's Fine Foods.

Poultry: Chai Kosher Poultry (wholesale).

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Le Kerem Wines celebrates 1st year with upbeat report

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Joe and Sarah Markin of Le Kerem Wines — the only producer-seller of kosher wines in Canada — are celebrating their first anniversary with a heady progress report.

In an interview with The CJN at their store at 3418 Bathurst St., Mrs. Markin said that more and more people are discovering their product, especially the dry and semi-dry varieties.

"Even people who don't keep kosher are buying our wines for parties, simchas or to take on holidays," she said.

"The Toronto Star wine critic was surprised that such a nice quality of kosher wine is available," she said.

Le Kerem produces dry, semi-dry, semi-sweet and sweet wines, as well as roses. Their Riesling and Golden Harvest wines are becoming very popular. A rose light, with an alcohol count of 9%, Markin considers especially good for the Pesach seder, where the custom is to drink four cups of wine.

"Last year, customers called me up to say it was the first year that they were not sick after the seder. People don't realize that the combination of sugar and alcohol in very sweet wines is hard on the stomach," she said.

People are very traditional when it comes to buying wines for Passover, Markin said. "They usually want something close to what they have always had." She does notice, however, that customers are more willing to try new things.

Markin attributes the pleasant taste of Le Kerem wines to the quality of the French hybrid grapes used and to the expertise of seventh generation winemaker Paul Bosc.

Le Kerem is in partnership with Bosc in his Chateau Des Charmes vineyard in the Niagara region of Ontario, and produces its wine in the winery there.

All the work — from the beginning of the fermentation process until the final pasteurization — is done by observant Jews under the strict supervision of the Orthodox Division of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region. Region.

Le Kerem has added a dry red wine to its list this year, and hopes next season to introduce champagne, Beaujolais and Chardonnay. They have also begun to ship outside Canada, especially to Ohio and New York.

"Before Purim, we had all kinds of urgent calls for wine from New York," she said.

Markin advises a semi-dry wine, such as Golden Harvest white or Grand Harvest red, for cooking. "The semi-dry wine brings out a better taste in food."

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Catering traditions continue in Firestone family

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
The apple doesn't fall far from the tree — and in the Firestone family, it is an Epicurean apple flan.

For more than 31 years, Mickey Firestone has been in the forefront of elegant kosher catering at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue where he operates Caterers York Ltd. Mickey has changed the image of kosher catering, elevating it to a level of elegance with his creative flair.

With his right-hand catering director Euclides (Bill) Batista who is an always present influence and who oversees every detail, Firestone has set the highest standards for catering that satisfy the most demanding gourmet.

Together, they created a team of experts that can accommodate a small intimate party or a luncheon for 1,100 people at the synagogue, at a hotel or a party at home.

Their cold and hot hors d'oeuvres, colorful and delicious canapes, fancy sandwiches, ratatouille puffs, spinach ravioli and sole tempura enhance the cocktail hour.

White-gloved dinners have dozens of choices of appetizers like salmon or trout teriyaki and pasta primavera, the you-name-it salads have Firestone's special dressings. There are a host of entrees which include filet of beef, duck, lemon chicken or veal medallion madeira — just to name a few. They are all prepared with special seasonings and great appeal to the eye.

Five years ago, a new dimension was added to the Firestone team. Mickey's daughter Sharon Firestone was looking for a new career and decided to enter the catering business with her father.

It was only natural for Sharon to turn to catering. "I grew up in the food business and our family loves to dine out. I love to entertain and I always loved baking. So it was natural for me to follow in my dad's footsteps."

And over a year ago, Sharon added a sophisticated line of quality pareve desserts and pastries to their catering business.

"Previously," says Sharon, a slim, attractive and highly organized single parent with a 16-year-old daughter, "we would take over our own recipes to the bakeries and have special cakes made up for us — now we can make them."

In 1985, the rigorous testing and experimenting began and after four months, Sweet York Desserts began producing beautiful cakes and pastries that not only look great, but taste great. Many people, says Sharon, can not believe that they are pareve — made without cream."

Last year, for the first time, Sweet York prepared cakes for Passover. "We were so surprised that our Passover cake orders went so well. We had to turn away many customers. This year, we've enlarged our staff and facility, and we will be able to provide many more cakes for Passover. But we suggest that people call us well in advance."

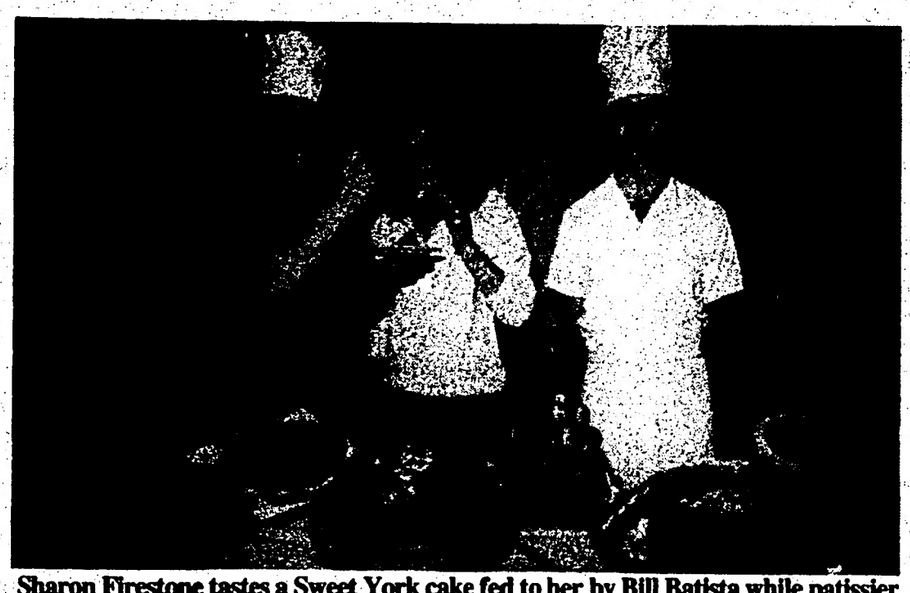
She explains that Sweet York Desserts uses only natural ingredients and lots of fruit, therefore, everything is made to order (416-783-4293).

An admitted "nosher," Sharon says she stays slim because she is constantly running up and down the stairs from the baking kitchen in the basement to the catering kitchen on the first floor and then back to her office. "I like to taste everything we make to make sure that it is up to our high standards."

Batista says, "She's the organizer around here. She brought the computer and other modern technology to our operation, making the business-end much more efficient."

With a chuckle, Sharon adds, "At first they resisted my newer ideas of administration, but now we've expanded our operation and things are going along very smoothly."

With Mickey in semi-retirement and spending much of the winter in Florida, Sharon has become more active in the catering operation. "We are a good team. My father and I are excitable while Bill is always in control and he can straighten out just about anything."



Sharon Firestone tastes a Sweet York cake fed to her by Bill Batista while patissier Leo Proulx looks on.

Leo Proulx, their patissier, who has been with Sweet York Desserts since its inception, creates the sweet tables for their clients. As well as cakes made to order, they now sell to other caterers, fine restaurants, the Sheraton Centre, and retail by-order-only at the newly opened Food City in Thornhill.

While we talk at the catering office, I flip through an album of colored photographs of some of Sweet York's wedding, bar and bat mitzvah and special occasion cakes.

"Our cakes are not always the traditional tiered variety," she notes. "We have created many theme cakes and follow our client's taste. We like to keep up with the changing times and we are always ready to try new things — new recipes and designs."

Just looking at the pictures seems to add calories. Sharon says that although people are more calorie conscious, they may eat less but they still like to taste fine pastries and dessert.

There is a chocolate berry box cake with slabs of pure chocolate around the sides, topped with a mound of fresh chocolate-dipped fruit, a multi-layered dome-shaped bombe filled with mousse and toasted nuts, decorated creatively with alternating sections of chocolate and vanilla, a candyland layered cake for a children's party, beautifully and fancifully decorated with an amazing variety of candies and an unusual chocolate-raspberry wedding cake.

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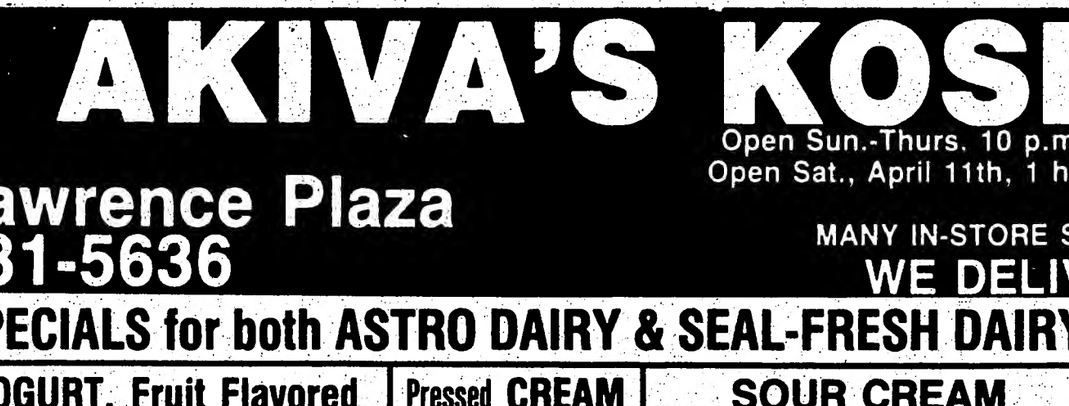

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Art enhances Passover's beauty

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

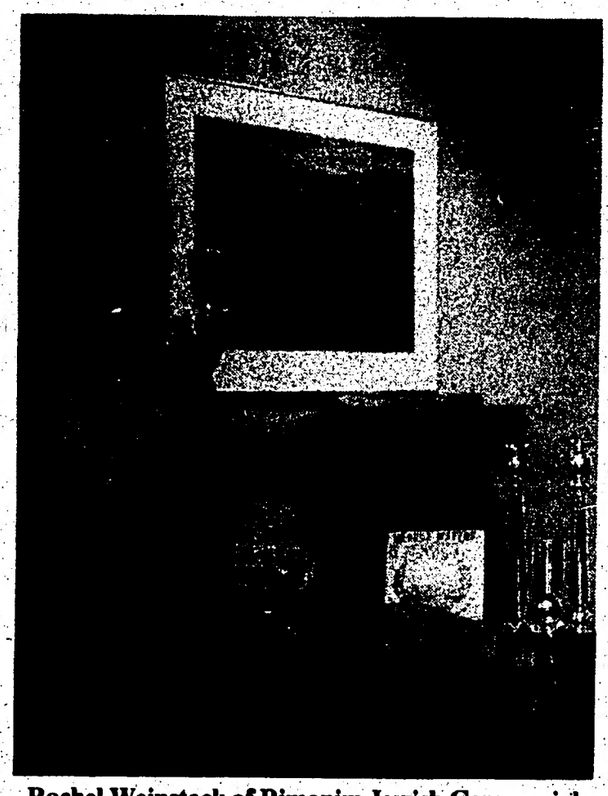
Talented artisans from Israel and around the world, have created exceptionally beautiful handmade pieces of ceremonial art that are now available in Canada. "They enhance the beauty of Passover," says the representative of some of the world's best Jewish craftsmen.

Rachel Weinstock of Rimonim Jewish Ceremonial Art, imports pieces from Israel that are unusual and many are one-of-a-kind.

During a visit to her gallery, Weinstock explained the delicate artisanship of the talented artists she represents in Canada. The high quality items at Rimonim can suit almost every taste, from modern to the more traditional, interpreted in a contemporary style.

In her Passover collection, there is a seder plate and matzoh holder combination in nickel, silver and brass created by Yehoshua Freiman. It is engraved with scenes from an old Venetian Hagadah.

Tall traditional sterling candlesticks and a tall kiddush goblet by Carmel contrast an unusual kiddush cup with a special stand by Dan Givon.



Rachel Weinstock of Rimonim Jewish Ceremonial Art, displays some of the Passover pieces by Israeli artists in her gallery.

She holds up Eliyahu's cup which is also used for havdallah. It is designed in sterling silver by Rafi Landau. In contrast, there is a ceramic inlay and applique design seder plate that enhances the table with a picture of a yom tov table, created by Gaia Smith.

Handwoven matzoh covers

Among the beautiful matzoh covers is a handwoven cover by Judith Green.

Her Passover ceremonial pieces are enhanced by the original oil pastels on the walls of the gallery. In the background there is an oil pastel, Judean Hills in Bloom, by Yoram Raanan.

All of these ceremonial pieces are created by Israeli artists. Weinstock says that she personally selects each item. She also has a collection of paintings, paper cuts and lithographs on Jewish and Israeli themes.

"I am working with a silversmith who will make Jewish ceremonial objects for me exclusively," she says. "We also do custom designed pieces for our customers."

Along with the ceremonial art on display, Weinstock has special objects that can be ordered.

Weinstock operates the gallery in her home. Viewing is by appointment only, (416) 638-2020. This collection is rarely seen outside of a museum setting. The pieces, many from limited editions, range in price from $40 to ceremonial masterpieces up to $2,100.

Seagrams adds spice to vodka

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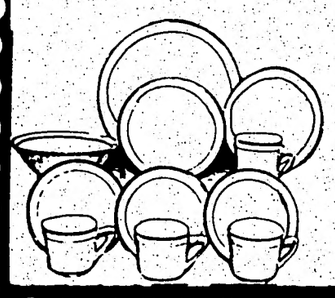

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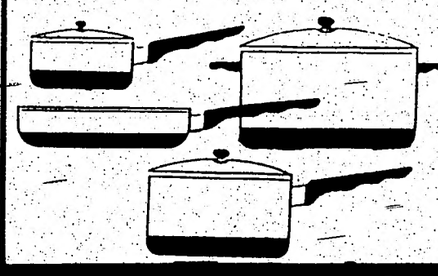

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Food

Lesson learned from mother-in-law

Despite variations, Sabbath bird tastes the same

By MARCY GOLDMAN-POSLUNS

My mother-in-law taught me two very important lessons that defy time and trends. No. 1: never try and argue with a man who is tired and hungry. No. 2: you can't really change or tamper with "Friday night chicken."

I know the former will irk feminists (among whom I count myself) but it is based more on dynamics of blood sugar than on some arbitrary sexist philosophy. Trust me. I also hold with the second wise gem which, in spite of these days of inspired nouvelle everything, still has a certain truth to it.

The fact is, Friday night chicken is synonymous with a particular type of roast chicken that is either served on a regular basis Friday night or can be found every second Friday alternating with beef brisket (a similar food paradox).

You may be in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, or Wawa and the chicken enjoyed in Sabbath celebrating homes is the same. It seems no matter who makes the recipe (first, second, or third generation) or which ingredients are used (heavy on the garlic powder, light on the pepper), the resulting dish tastes and smacks appetizingly of tradition.

Something therein refutes evolution and cheerfully resists diversion. The roast chicken of Friday night is divinely comforting to soul and stomach alike.

Consider my mentor's recipe. Over the years my mother-in-law (unanimously acclaimed as a kitchen maven) has tried various modifications to her original formula.

Chicken in Coca-Cola was amazingly fragrant, barbecued and juicy

It begin by dredging a plump, cut-up fryer in paprika, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. A few times she added a spritz of ketchup (no, she doesn't know why either).

When I joined the family she was current, mixing onion soup powder, together with apricot jam, and vibrantly colored Russian or Casino salad dressing.

Then there was those few times she followed someone else's novel suggestion to baste the chicken with Coca-Cola. I too, winced, but what can I tell you — it was absolutely terrific. If you didn't know it had been saturated with the soft drink you would enjoy it for what it was: an amazingly fragrant, barbecued and juicy roast chicken.

These days we're back to the onion powder, a dab or two or something tomatoey, a dash of leftover red wine, and a hearty shower of salt, pepper, paprika and garlic. All around the chicken, mom tucks baby carrots and small new potatoes and once in awhile (call her madcap), crunchy water chestnuts.

In the beginning, we thought these were small and perfect potatoes til one bite and her mischievious look alerted us otherwise.

Our Friday night family dinners now include an eclectic assortment of relatives, adopted family, friends, and one or another's toddlers (lately, it's mine) who strive to interrupt and usually succeed, the soup or dessert course.

The meal itself is complemented by a huge and wonderfully garlicky green salad, no less than one noodle casserole and four diverse, innately calorific potato dishes (kugel, latkes, mashed, and pan roasted), and an habitually overlooked bowl of green peas.

We top the meal off with several bottles of icy cold "Diet-Something-or-Other" (we're all "watching") and lazily resume picking at fresh crusts of challah while Mom begins a whirlwind clean-up.

She then casually begins arranging a huge assortment of cakes and other desserts that would rival the sweet table at a society wedding. (This is where we forget we're "watching"). Tea is served and the click-click sound of various artificial sweetener dispensers punctuates our table talk.

Conversations at Friday night suppers usually revolve around work aggravations, new business opportunities, joyous upcoming events (weddings, bar mitzvahs, and babies) and shopping (wholesale, retail, and the new frontier: warehouse), and not necessarily in that order.

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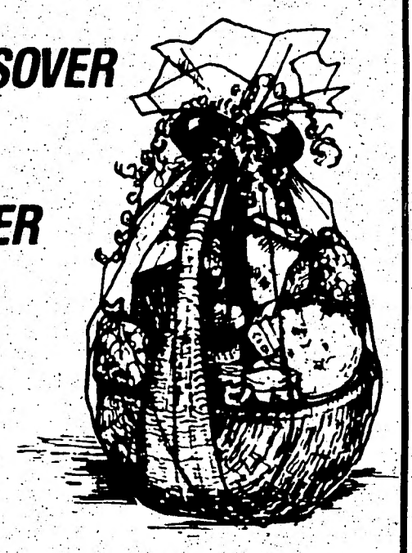
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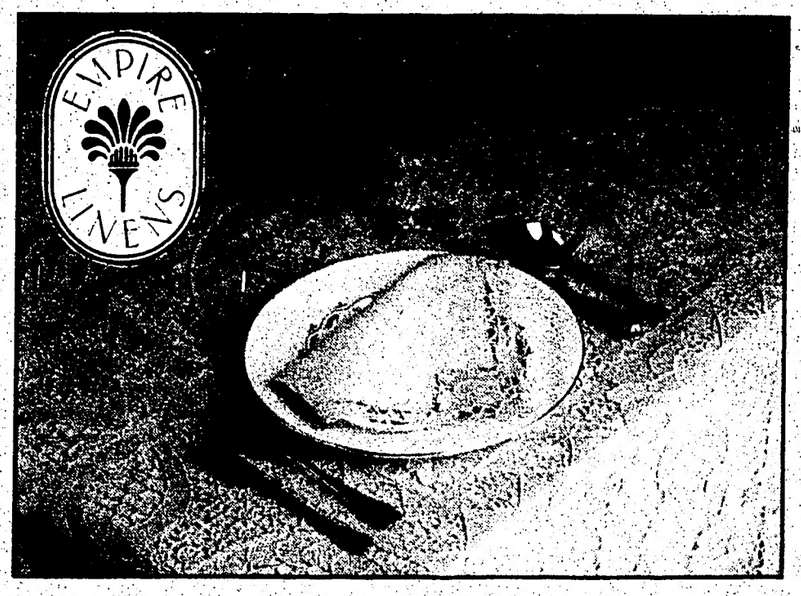

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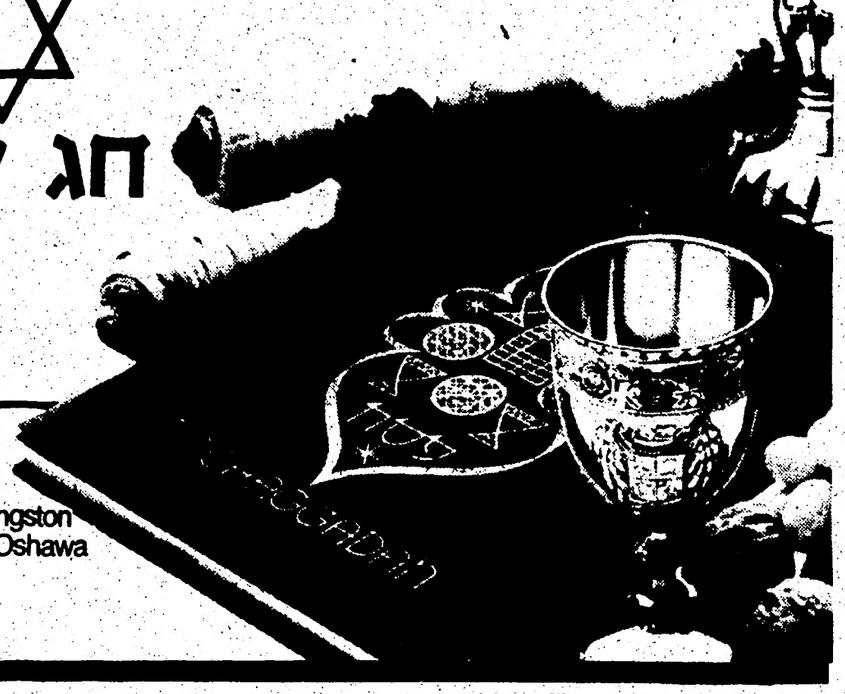

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At Sunnybrook Foods:

Extensive Passover line

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Once again Sunnybrook Foods is offering an extensive line of Passover products and services in its Wilmington Ave store.

In fact, says general manager David Goodbaum, this year the store has added 33% more shelf space, reflecting the growing number of Passover goods available.

"People come from as far as Ottawa, Oshawa and Peterborough for our selection and good prices," he said.

The confectionary line is really growing, Goodbaum says, especially chocolate and peanut items. As well, there are many more Israeli products. "We have contacts in the kibbutz which produces Beit Hashita brand olives and pickles, and are getting in many new items."

Goodbaum strongly encourages people to buy Israel goods. Prices are competitive, due to a more favorable rate of exchange, quality is very high, and "Israel needs our financial assistance as never before."

The over 40 years' experience with selling Passover products (they started as Goodbaum's, a small store on College St. during World War II) has made Sunnybrook aware of details that non-Jewish chains might miss.

"We stock large supplies of shelf paper and wide aluminum foil well before the actual date of Passover so people can prepare, and we even sell Passover toothpaste and lipstick."

Goodbaum is especially proud of the full service kosher meat and fish departments, which are taking orders now for Passover. As well, he points out, L'Chaim Caterers will offer a full line of kosher for Passover prepared foods.

"People are traditionalists on Passover," he believes, and getting them to try new things is hard. Sunnybrook consciously makes introductory specials on new products.

Service to the largely Jewish clientele is a cornerstone of Sunnybrook's business style. A night crew keeps the store clean and the shelves stocked, and a real attempt is made to keep the prices competitive, Goodbaum says.

As well, Sunnybrook closes early on Friday and all day Saturday. This causes a real hardship for the store, Goodbaum says. The store is open Sunday and the police come every week. "We don't feel it is right not to provide full service, with a full staff, when we serve a 95% Jewish clientele, and observe the Jewish Sabbath."

Sunnybrook is different from any other supermarket, says Goodbaum, because it is the only one committed mainly to serving Jews, especially at this time of year. "We are Passover specialists, and we are good at what we do," he says.

B.C. catering company helps "lazy" cooks

By DAVID PIERSON

VANCOUVER —

The Lazy Gourmet is a unique name for a catering company but the duo behind the name, Susan Mendelsohn and Deborah Reitman, hit upon a concept that has made it one of the top catering companies in Vancouver.

"When we first started people would bring in their own dishes and we'd fill them and when they took them home and served them it looked like they cooked it themselves," Mendelsohn told The CJN in a recent interview.

Hence, the name Lazy Gourmet — gourmet food for people too lazy to cook.

Mendelsohn and Reitman began the Lazy Gourmet in 1979, taking their inspiration from their grandmothers who were great cooks in the grand old Jewish tradition.

Mendelsohn, a native Torontonian, who moved to Vancouver to attend university, did recipes for CBC Radio shows and has published along with Reitman, five cookbooks, including the official cookbook for Expo 86.

So with recipes abounding they plunged headlong into the catering business, opening a store on the soon-to-be-trendy West 4th Ave., near Kitsalano Beach.

"It took off right away and we worked 20-hour days until we could afford to hire staff," Mendelsohn said.

Things have expanded rapidly and two other locations have opened, one on Granville Island and a deli on Thurlow Ave. downtown.

"Our Thurlow Ave. location is probably the best deli in the city," Mendelsohn said with a touch of immodesty. "We fly the best smoked meat in from Montreal."

Mendelsohn said that the Jewish community has been very supportive and they do a lot of bar mitzvahs and the like at Temple Shalom.

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Keeps growing, changing

Passover finds Winnipeg caterers on the go

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
For Ed and Barbara Reiss of Desserts Plus, catering is a high pressure occupation, especially just before Pesach.

"Last year, on the day before Pesach, we were up filling orders until 6 a.m. and were back at work at 8 a.m.," said Barbara Reiss. "We had already been up until 3 or 4 in the morning for 3 or 4 days before."

For the Westin Hotel's kosher kitchen, spring is the busiest season, although Pesach is relatively quiet.

"We will be having a first seder and a couple of families are coming here for the second seder," said Paul Van Drunen, the downtown hotel's director of catering. "We supply the necessary ingredients. If guests want to bring their own seder plates, that's fine by us."

Except for Mooni's Catering, Winnipeg's kosher caterers are all relatively new to the business. The Westin Hotel entered the field four years ago and has since been joined in the industry by the 2-year-old Sheraton Hotel. "A lot of our regular clientele were asking us for this service," said the Westin's general manager, Minaz Abji. "We supply gourmet food the kosher way, giving the observant community another option."

Desserts Plus offers full line of kosher products

"It's hard competing with the hotels," said Barbara Reiss of Desserts Plus. "We can't offer the convenience they can. We've had to hustle."

Reiss started three years ago supplying baked goods for various functions. Desserts Plus catered its first bar mitzvah in May, 1985, even before the Reisses had a location. "We were looking to start a business," said the former teacher, "and decided to go with my strength in the kitchen."

Desserts Plus offers a full line of kosher catering as well as a deli. The Reisses have built a corporate market, which they hope to expand upon, and supply hospitals with kosher meals. Most recently, they have begun catering shivas.

"Both the family and their friends appreciate this service," said Reiss. "It is something friends can do and they don't have to worry about kashruth."

Desserts Plus has also been approached to provide kosher Meals on Wheels, if enough volunteers can be found within the Jewish community to deliver them.

"The key in our business, like the restaurant business, is that tastes are always changing," said Reiss. "New things come in vogue. We have to keep growing, changing, seeing what's new out there to be successful." With that in mind, Reiss was recently in Toronto for the Food and Beverage Show.

With Pesach soon approaching, below are a couple of recipes from Desserts Plus you might like to try:

VEAL SAUTERNE

1½ lbs. veal slices, seasoned to taste
Oil for frying
2 cups cake meal
3 eggs, beaten
1 green pepper, cut in strips
1 large onion, cut in thin wedges
1 can chicken soup
¾ cup white wine

Dip veal slices in cake meal, then egg. Brown slices and drain on paper towel. Place veal in clean frying pan and top with green pepper, onion, chicken soup and wine. Simmer covered 30 minutes. Mushrooms may be added, if desired.

PASSOVER VEGETABLE MUFFINS (KUGEL)

6 tbsps. margarine or butter, melted
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped celery
1½ cups grated raw carrots
Oil for frying
10 oz. pkg. chopped spinach
3 eggs beaten
1½ tsps. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
¾ cup matzo meal

Saute green pepper, onion, celery and carrots in oil for about 5 minutes. Cook spinach, drain and squeeze dry. Combine vegetables, add eggs, salt, pepper, margarine and meal. Spoon into well greased muffin tins or bake in greased pan for kugel.

Bake at 350F for 45 minutes or until firm. Allow to sit 10 minutes. Serve hot with meal or sour cream for dairy.

The Westin doesn't use any special Pesach recipes, as such. "If anything, we follow more traditional recipes passed on through generations," said Paul Van Drunen.

"Everybody has their own home recipe they would like to see. There must be about 11,000 variations on gefilte fish."

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Fashion

Denim is everywhere

Safari look, Tango prints key themes for spring

NEW YORK —
This season clothes strike a balance between the exotic and the practical as designers interpret all sorts of influences and come up with wearable looks laced with wit and charm. A number of color and fabric themes are at the heart of this approach to spring and summer.

• Safari styling, unquestionably the strongest, emerges in a variety of fabrics from rugged canvas, drills, gabardine and chino to raw silks, jersey and even voile.

The traditional shaped jacket with big flapped pockets is shown with slim skirts, pants or lightened with a brightly printed sarong skirt, shorts or top.

Military falls under this category with army fatigue colors, military insignias and epaulets. Rainwear is even adorned with military touches in metal buttons and styling.

• The Tango or South American look is heating up with great prints or madras plaids in hot colors of tomato, orange, red and fuchsia.

Little swing skirts are teamed with bare-knit tops, flounced skirts range from above the knee to ankle and some are 'citified' with a matching blazer which brings a fresh touch to classic styling.

• Denim is everywhere in stonewash, indigo, black and khaki.

Accents are overly abundant and nail-heads, sequins, embroidery, lace, fringes and labels are but a few of the touches applied to jean jackets, skirts and vests.

• Sportswear reflects an aura of "body easings." Styles that start with basics — give new attention to detail.

Bare midriffs, long cardigans, full cut 'easy' pants, roomy shirts to wear as is or over pants.

Another sportswear direction recalls the '40s and '50s with full skirts worn with waist accenting jackets and the trapeze — in jackets and 7/8's coats — are most important.

• Knits provide 'everyone' with 'everything.' Fitted sweaters in strong, vibrant colors emerge in a variety of geometric, abstract and nautical themes.

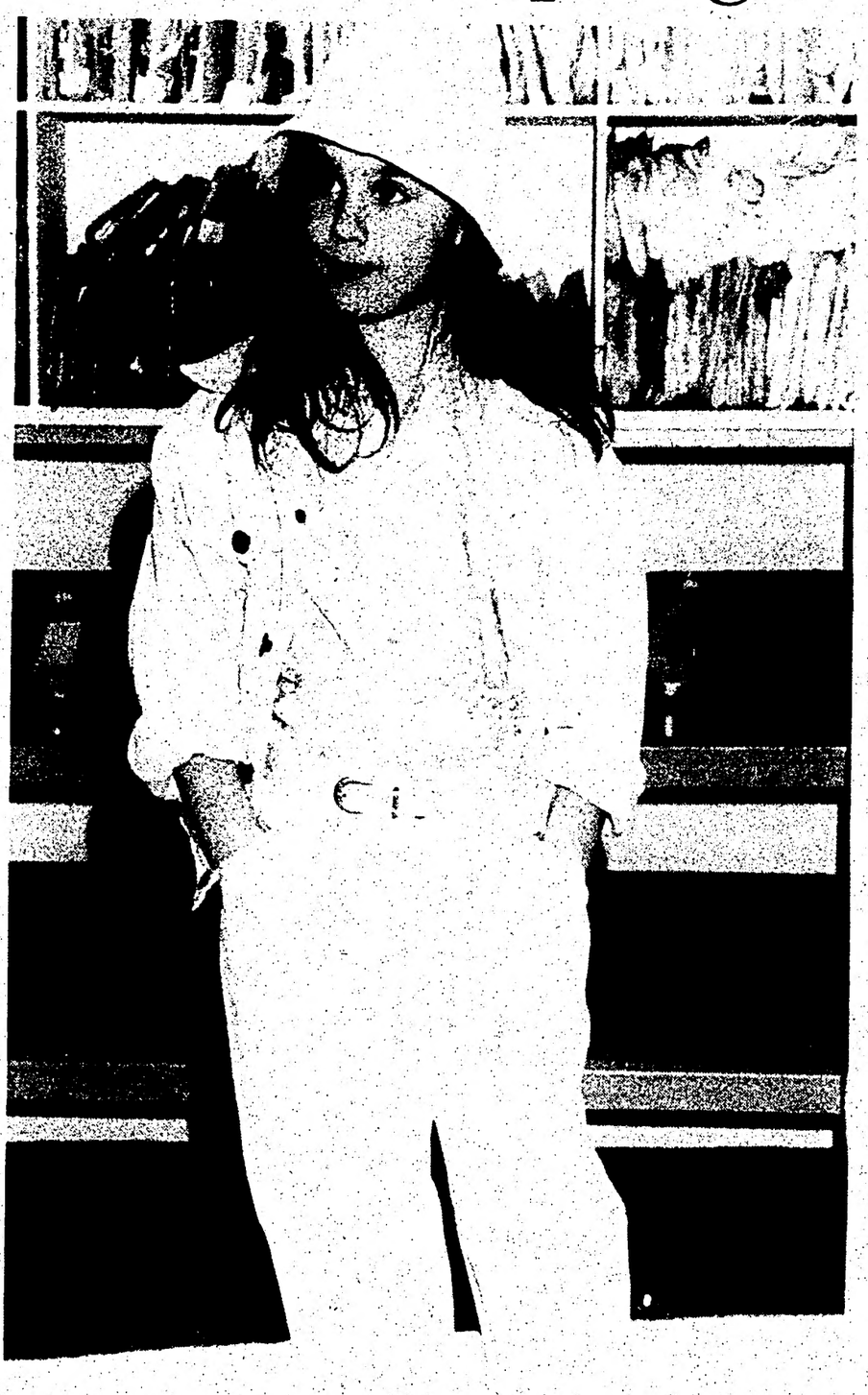
Others are long loose airy cardigans with pockets, oversized pullovers with a variety of necklines including polo collards, crewnecks with contrast color piping and wide ribbed Vs.

Intricate intarsia patterns are worked into wonderful color combinations that offer seasonless dressing.

Evening looks can be bare and dramatic in knits with special emphasis placed on the shoulders, necklines and backs.

• Eveningwear is for real dress up occasions — shimmering columns of sequins, shirred organza, important peplums, froths of net and tulle and bias-cut tea dresses.

Sleeker silhouettes are shirred and draped. Cut in crepe and silk jacquards, these follow the body accentuating waist and hips.



Denim is a fashion must for everyone this season. Here Dahlia Tessler wears a faded pink denim pant set with coordinating print shirt from Mavein. All available at Butterflies. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Rising imports cause council to close its Canadian office

MONTREAL —
The Canadian Cotton Council has closed its offices after 20 years. The Montreal-based organization, jointly sponsored by the Canadian textile industry and the U.S. cotton industry, promoted products manufactured with U.S. cotton in Canada.

Executive director Pearl Webber said the increased imports of textile products, forcing many textile mills in Canada to close, was the reason for the Council's decision to wind down its operations.

Cotton Inc., headquartered in New York, plans to take over the Council's promotional activities and expand its technical assistance in Canada to fill the void.

"The Canadian Cotton Council has greatly enjoyed working with the Canadian mills, manufacturers, retailers and consumers," Webber said. "The dedication of the mills to cotton and the creativity of the fashion industry has provided Canadians with the most comfortable, well made and attractive apparel and household products in the world."

Cotton Inc., a non-profit organization funded by American cotton producers, maintains a fabric library, provides fashions and color forecasts and textile product research and development, she said.

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By
LORI SMITH

A "bigger, brighter and better" Winners opened last week in Toronto's Lawrence Plaza.

David Margolis, president of Winners Apparel Ltd., says the 20,000 square foot store is more than double the size of Winner's original site. It includes such features as an expanded Winners Circle, which sells international designer ladieswear, a new Winners Circle youth section in the enlarged children's wear department which features European, American and Canadian merchandise.

"We're also very excited about the educational toy department we plan to open in the store as a natural offshoot of the children's wear department."

Margolis explains that his company, which began with the original Lawrence Plaza store five years ago, is committed to offering fashion forward ladieswear and children's wear at desirable prices and that at Winners presentation doesn't suffer because of better pricing.

"Our stores, particularly the new one, look like the finest ladies' wear and children's wear stores. And we don't sell bargain basement-type merchandise. Although we offer it for less than retail, it's still the better quality clothing that you'd find in department stores and specialty shops."

He says that he has seen the acceptance of off-price shopping do a 180-degree turn in the last few years.

"Previously, many women would have been aghast to admit that they shopped at an off-price store. But now it's considered chic and smart to get better value on fashion clothing."

Today the "typical" Winners customer is an upper-income, mother of two, who is between the ages of 25 and 45, he says. A fashion-forward woman who likes to save money.

This spring and summer, Winners is offering savings on all of the season's hottest trends, styles and colors including long, full skirts; minis; Out of Africa looks; oversize styles; khaki garments; cottons; designs in tones of off-white frequently combined with navy; striped items and denims of every shape and description including chambrays and acid-washed looks.

In the expanded accessory department, sterling silver jewelry and hair ornaments such as bows and combs lead the fashion parade. And in children's wear, adult styles are in demand.

Other Winners' stores are located in the Bayview Hills Mall and at 57 Spadina Ave. A new store is scheduled to open in Mississauga this fall.

A new, expanded Winners, recently opened at Lawrence Plaza.

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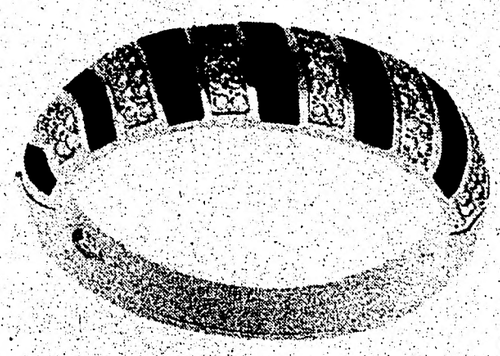

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For research into children's diseases

Weizmann friends holding safari night

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Under the direction of Van Beltrame of Flowers by Van, the Centennial Ballroom at the Inn On The Park "will be transformed into an exotic African setting complete with native animals."

At least a dozen youngsters will be directly involved at the event in helping raise funds for other young people. They'll be dressed and equipped with safari gear — on hand to help encourage bidding at the silent auction. Food expert Lucy Waverman has created the menu for the dinner.

A Night on Safari, the 10th annual auction and dinner of the Canadian League, promises to be an exotic affair.

The black tie evening with a couvert of $300 includes a reception, silent auction, dinner and dancing to the Matt Pines Orchestra and $50 in "Jungle Money" to start the bidding; then the live auction of cars, jewels, home accessories, hot air balloon rides and dinner parties.

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Marinade

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Mix marinade in a bowl then pour over the salmon steaks.

Cover fish with wax paper or foil.

Keep refrigerated for 2 hours.

After the 1st hour, turn salmon steaks once in the marinade.

Barbecue

Coals must be hot and white with no flame.

Mark the steaks on the grill for 5 minutes on each side.

Marinade can be poured onto the steaks at this time to keep them moist.

To test degree of doneness, try to remove the bone with tongs or a fork.

If the bone is easily removed with no flesh attached, steaks are cooked perfectly.

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THE FISH HOUSE

Artist's package design a hit

By MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Artist Judy Singer has it all wrapped up. Literally.

Singer, an established painter who has exhibited her work regularly since 1974, recently produced the design chosen by Electa & Corrado Cosmetics for packaging the firm's makeup line.

Her winning entry (picked from the submissions of at least five other artists) features elegantly classic copper typography, and freely applied dark gray and peach brush strokes over a warm, creamy gray background.

And according to the company, says Singer, its sales have risen by 30% since using the new packages.

"Whether attributable to that or not I don't know because they have not done marketing studies, but sales have gone up 30%."

The assignment was a happy departure for Singer who paints large scale, vividly colorful abstractions in the recently built studio attached to the home she shares with her husband, landscape architect Henry Gotfryd.

The design, she says, came to her immediately.

Singer had met the assistant to the director of marketing for E&C at a party, and was told they were looking for a modern, feminine design, but was told "nothing specific."

After getting a sample of the product (which has been on the market for about 15 years), Singer

Judy Singer

said she immediately "got a picture of what I should do."

She transformed that idea into mockups, presented them to the company, and found her proposal "unanimously" accepted by the staff.

About the experience of applying herself to a practical design problem, Singer says: "I really liked doing it. It was so different from doing my paintings because the response to it is so different.

"When art is placed on something that is practical people relate to it much better. I see people respond to it differently; it's not as threatening."

Singer, who is now working on a design for (women's clothing store owner) Brian Winston, says she would like to do more and different types of design work.

About her job for E&C, she says that her fine arts background probably helped bring a different perspective to her task.

"I didn't approach this as a design, but as a little 3-dimensional work of art. E&C was excited about it because it didn't look like a package design."

As for her painting, Singer says she went through a difficult, major change that has delayed her from exhibiting.

But she says her dealer Marianne Friedland "feels I am now on the road to some exciting work," and Singer plans to have a show when she has a group of paintings that give her confidence.

Singer, whose work is in the collections of a number of major corporations, says her painting today is "much more integrated, up, positive and comes from an even deeper part of myself than before.

"I don't want to paint negative paintings. I want to take these feelings and make them more life affirming — art that people want to look at.

"I'm interested in spiritual things, so I do believe there is something outside ourselves that is the source of it all."

Festival for kids has lots to see

By GARY POGROW

VANCOUVER —

The Vancouver Children's Festival is celebrating its 10th anniversary by presenting the First International Symposium on Arts Programming for Young Audiences May 14-17.

Canadian artists and commentators such as Len Udow, Judith Mastai, Philip Lander, John Lazarus, Hindy Ratner and Eleanor Wachtel will join others in the field of young audience arts programming from around the world to explore themes dealing with multiculturalism and education. There will be workshops, discussions and showcases.

The week-long festival, May 11-18, features performances by BC's Charlotte Diamond in concert with Paul Gitlitz, Pepper, Katari Taiko, Green Thumb and Snake in The Grass Moving Theatre; Winnipeg's Len Udow and Fred Penner; Ontario's Theatre Beyond Words; Quebec's Theatre De La Marmaille; the Japanese group, Kaze-No-Ko and from China The Zhang Zhou Puppet Theatre.

The festival had been pushed back three weeks to include the Victoria Day weekend. Producer Ernie Fladell predicts not only the best festival in years, but also the best weather, "After last year, we deserve some sunshine."

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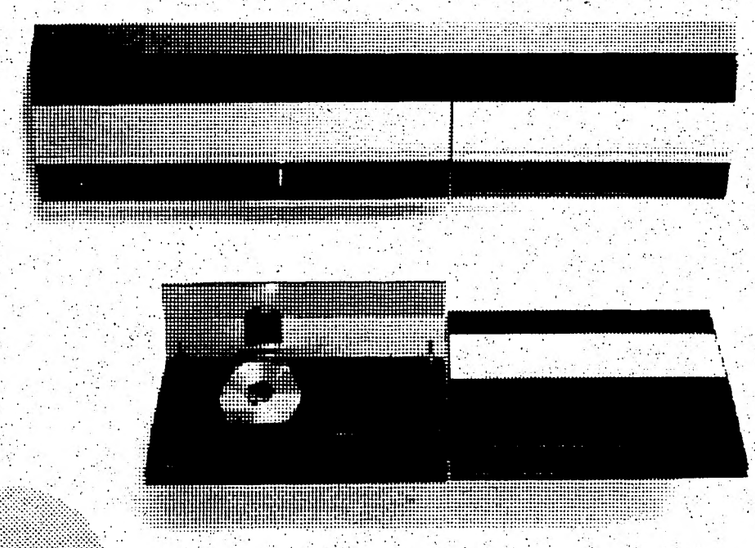

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Stella Stevens (left) is the slob Olive and Sandy Dennis is the obsessively tidy Flo in the female version of The Odd Couple at the successful new Stage West Dinner Theatre.

Odd Couple revamped in new dinner theatre

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Rejoice, dinner theatre-goers. You're in for a novelty treat.

I'm referring to Stage West. It's the magnificent, $6 million, 436-seat dinner theatre, which the owners of sister Stage West in Edmonton built relatively recently at 5400 Dixie Rd. on the Airport Strip, about a 25-minute drive from mid-Toronto (238-0042).

Unlike other revamped barns, restaurants and churches around town, it was initially designed to be a dinner theatre. Consequently, the coral-colored decor is beautiful, the seats are comfortable, and the acoustics audible. Score 1.

Also, it differs strongly from most other theatre-cum-cafes which have just so-so food.

The operators here have had the wisdom to hire a dedicated executive chef, the Hong Kong-born Kin Lo, as graduate of the Four Seasons kitchens, who puts together a scrumptuous buffet. Even the freshly-baked bread rolls and array of fruit tarts (by patissier Rocco Stranno) are first-class and entice you to come back for more. Score 2.

Finally, the management brings in Hollywood name actors (who are always interesting to look at, even if their performances don't come up to scratch) and their theatrical vehicles are time-tested.

Currently running until May 10 is Neil Simon's *Odd Couple*. You can't get a comedy more time-tested than *that*.

But the novelty twist here is that farce-meister Simon rewrote it in 1985, and it had a solid Broadway run starring women in the title roles.

In the female version, the obsessively tidy Felix Unger is changed to Florence, and she is played by Oscar-winning Sandy Dennis, who was the neurotically twitchy professor's wife in *Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf.*

And the slobby Oscar Madison has been transformed into the sloppy Olive, played by Stella Stevens, probably best known for her TV series, *Flamingo Road*, and her role as Appassionata Von Climax in Hollywood's *L'il Abner.*

The rest of the cast are Canadians, and as directed by Michael Boucher, they do a commendable comedy job.

I have certain reservations about the refurbished script. The opening poker game has been changed into a Trivial Pursuit game, and somehow it doesn't quite come off as funny as in the original. The women here seem to be too caricatured, too much like a parody of tough, horny New York bimbos.

I found Sandy Dennis weakest in her role as the super-fastidious divorcee. She seems to lack the comic spirit; instead of being a funny kvetch, she was a perpetually angry suicide threatener and altogether a pain in the neck. You couldn't blame her ex-spouse for wanting to get rid of his domestic bore.

However, the pair of Spanish Costazuela brothers (changed from the English Pidgeon sisters in the original) are hilarious.

Furthermore, the gags throughout are sharp, stiletto stabs of satire which provoke more than a few belly laughs; even second-rate Simon is more amusing than other would-be slick wisecrackers. The score of the play therefore is ½.

This leaves it a total score of 2½ out of three. For dinner theatre, that's a fine novelty treat indeed.

Popular singer-pianist

Paul Drake is at Brownstone

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Paul Drake, Canada's Peter Duchin, is now performing at Toronto's Brownstone Hotel at Yonge and Charles.

This popular singer-pianist was born in Montreal in 1938. Early influences of Johnny Mathis and Buddy Greco led ultimately to the more refined stylings of Cole Porter and Stephen Sondheim.

In the 1950s he played to audiences in the Laurentians, and not much later, while working the Beaumont Hotel in Palm Beach, he was approached by Barbara Vanderbilt to play one of her society soirees.

Soon he was hired by the Haskells and the Duponts for private parties anywhere between Palm Beach and Cape Cod.

Paul Drake

Paul Drake knows about pain as well as good times. Linda, the wife he brought from Paris to Toronto in 1964, died in her prime. The song Lady Linda on his album Paul Drake Sings Love was written by Drake and is his musical interpretation of this tragedy.

The album is graced by some of the finest studio musicians to be found anywhere. Pat LaBarbera on sax frequently played with the great drummer Elvin Jones. Hagood Hardy is the well-known composer of The Homecoming. The songs range from selections by Peter Allen and Marvin Hamlisch to two originals by Paul himself.

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The premiere of Larry Weinstein's National Film Board production Eternal Earth, a stereo musical portrait of Composer of the Year Alexina Louie, will be presented at the Jane Mallett Theatre at St. Lawrence Centre on April 4 at 8.30 p.m.

Presented by Adrienne Clarkson, this program will also include live performances of three Louie works: From the Eastern Gate for solo harp, performed by Erica Goodman; Demon Music, featuring musicians from the Esprit Orchestra; and the exciting Chinese Lion Dance.

All proceeds will benefit the Esprit Orchestra. For further information, call 366-7723.

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Pianist Yefim Bronfman will perform at the Jane Mallett Theatre, the following Monday, April 6, in a program of Beethoven, Schumann and Brahms. Call 366-7723 for details.

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The Amadeus Ensemble, founded by violinist Moshe Hammer and composed of 11 of Toronto's leading string players, presents its third season concert April 5 at 8 p.m. at Walter Hall. Featured will be pianist William Tritt who will perform the Concerto Grosso No. 1 by Jewish composer, Ernest Bloch.

Included also in the program will be Joseph Suk's String Serenade. Also featured as soloist will be Douglas Perry on viola, principal violist for the Canadian Opera Company. For more information, call 864-1642.

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Five world premieres by John Weinzweig will be included in New Music Concerts' He Shoots, He Scores, April 12 at 8 p.m. at the Premiere Dance Theatre. The Bill Baird Marionettes will provide visual attraction.

The Weinzweig works will be entitled Hockey Night in Canada, Shoppin' Blues, Lonesome Satellite, Prisoner of Conscience and On Wings of Song.

Robert Cooper will conduct the Opera in Concert Chorus with Marc Widner on piano and Max Ferguson as narrator. For more details, call 961-9594.

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Last but not least, Itzhak Perlman will perform a solo recital at Roy Thomson Hall, April 7. For further information, call 593-7769.

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Arts

Raising Arizona

Coens mix common, absurd into tableaux of mirth

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The Coen brothers, Joel and Ethan, possess an amazing knack for offbeat humor. The quirks of life, of which there are many, do not escape them. They are keen observers of the human condition.

After sitting through *Raising Arizona*, their latest film, you'll readily understand the basis of the reputation the Coens have established.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Raising Arizona* is an amusing, wacky romp through the cluttered lives of several unusual characters who grapple with their destiny, if there is such a thing.

The situations they generate are not necessarily realistic, but they are certainly endearing.

The script, which is written by the inventive Coens, revolves around a childless couple who hanker for parenthood, two likeable convicts who've busted out of prison, and an egotistical entrepreneur and his brood of babies.

H.I. McDonnough (Nicolas Cage) and his wife, Ed (Holly Hunter), decide that the emptiness in their lives can be filled by a gurgling toddler. The McDonnoughs are quite a couple. He is a three-time loser who is best known in police circles as a petty robber of convenience stores. She is an ex-cop.

In a moment of inspired madness, they resolve to kidnap a baby. They hit on the idea because Ed is infertile. H.I., her lovable but luckless husband, agrees to take part in the scheme.

Nathan Arizona (Trey Wilson), an unfinished furniture tycoon, is the intended victim. Florence Arizona has just given birth to five adorable boys, and the McDonnoughs figure that they can do with one less quint.

The deed done, the McDonnoughs are introduced to the perils and pitfalls of parenthood. Nathan Jr. (T.J. Kuhn), their catch, is a remarkably composed baby who is seemingly oblivious to the chaos around him.

No sooner have they established a semblance of domestic bliss than two intruders knock on their door one night — Gale (John Goodman) and his younger brother, Evelle (William Forsythe), H.I.'s former prison mates.

Ed is not particularly thrilled by their presence, but, at H.I.'s request, consents to let them stay for two more nights.

Until this point, the film moves along rather nicely, blending the commonplace with the absurd into a seamless tableaux of mirth. It then picks up a head of steam, producing a dizzying succession of uproariously funny scenes that are truly inspired.

There are moments when *Raising Arizona* lags in intensity and comes dangerously close to inanity, but, fortunately, they are few and far between.

The cast is uniformly fine. As H.I., Nicolas Cage is a wonder to behold, an insouciant loser who battles desperately against his lower instincts. As Gale, John Goodman is the quick-thinking yahoo who finally comes to his senses.

And T.J. Kuhn? Well, he's just great.

There hasn't been a screen baby like him in ages.

Holly Hunter and Nicolas Cage in Raising Arizonza. The baby is T.J. Kuhn.

Holocaust comic compelling

By
JOEL YANOFSKY

At first glance, the idea of taking a subject as grim and tragic as the Holocaust and turning it into a book-length comic strip is not just inappropriate, it's offensive. But that's what Art Spiegelman has done with Maus: A Survivor's Tale (Pantheon Books).

History, in Maus, is scaled down to fit the paneled drawings and captioned dialogue of the funny papers. The characters are straight out of a Mighty Mouse cartoon with a startling twist.

Here, the mice are Jews, helpless and doomed, ensnared in Hitler's elaborate "mouse trap" — the final solution — while the cats are Nazis, waiting to pounce. It sounds juvenile and tasteless. It reads much differently.

A closer look reveals that Speigelman's comic book version of his parent's experience in occupied Poland and Auschwitz is as strangely compelling and moving as it is original.

Spiegelman, a New York cartoonist and coeditor of the avant-garde magazine Raw, has explained what he has tried to do this way:

"I needed to deal with the characters as animals to have some distance from the materials — in an early version of the story I started out doing portraits of my parents, but it became too sentimental. Comics is a language of signs, and . . . using these masklike faces on top of what are real people . . . adds to (the book) a resonance it wouldn't have otherwise."

Often the best way to tell a story turns out to be the only way to tell it. This was true for Spiegelman. In the process, he created a new kind of literature — "an epic story told with tiny pictures."

Maus works on a variety of interesting levels. As well as being an extended comic strip, it's also a survivor's document and an ambivalent autobiography of the child of survivors.

The book opens with a telling episode from the childhood of the mouse/narrator Artie. Mistreated by his schoolmates, Artie looks to his father, Valdek, for comfort. Haunted by the past, Vladek offers his son this bit of mature wisdom:

" 'Friends? . . . If you lock them together in a room with no food for a week . . . Then you could see what it is, friends!' "

The harshness of the advice contained as it is in an innocent-looking caption and contrasted with the unpretentious black and white drawings of mice dressed up, walking and talking like people provides Maus with its unsettling tone. Survival, Spiegelman seems to be saying, holds its own horrors — horrors unimagined by a sheltered American-born mouse.

The story then jumps ahead to the adult Artie, now a cartoonist, visiting his father in Rego Park, NY. We learn early on that Artie and Vladek are not close, that Artie's mother, Anja, has committed suicide, that Vladek is remarried, and that Artie is determined to hear his father's story and "draw a book" about the Holocaust.

Throughout Maus, the focus shifts back and forth between the present and past. Vladek's narrative of a world being systematically destroyed is interrupted by his son's efforts to come to terms with what he is hearing.

At the same time, Artie is also trying to build a relationship with his father. Vladek is a difficult, complex man/mouse, finally sympathetic not because of who he is but because of what he has lived through. The reader recognizes what Artie sometime doesn't: that father and son are still prisoners of a hellish past; that they are still paying an incalculable price for surviving.

In an interview last fall, Spiegelman said: "I hesitated for a while, but finally I decided that I had to go back and confront the thing that in a way I'd known all along I'd eventually have to face — this presence that had been hanging over my family's life, Auschwitz and what it had done to us."

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Author fears for spiritual survival of Sephardim

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

A Treasury of Sephardic Laws and Customs, by Rabbi Herbert C. Dobrinsky. KtavPublishing.

Who are the Sephardim? For the most part they are the descendants of Jews who were expelled from Spain in 1492 and from Portugal in 1497. Seeking a new home and safe haven they migrated into all parts of the Ottoman Empire, including North Africa and Asia Minor, and also into Italy and Provence. These exiles were joined later by many Marrano families who were able to escape the long arm of the Inquisition.

In time, the Sephardim made their way to Holland, England and North and South America. Outstanding centres of historical Sephardic influence were Constantinople, Adrianople and Salonika in the Turkish Empire; Jerusalem and Safed, in Palestine; Cairo, in Egypt; and Venice, Ancona, Amsterdam, Bordeaux and London, in Western Europe.

Wherever they settled they retained Ladino as the language of ordinary speech and as a literary medium. This language is very close in structure to Castilian and is written in Hebrew characters.

With a strong consciousness of aristocratic or intellectual superiority they often kept aloof from Jews of German or Polish origin. In the 19th century the Sephardim began to dwindle in size and influence. Today the majority of Israelis are of Sephardic background (largely from North Africa and Arab countries) and about 200,000 reside in North America. There are about 25,000 Sephardim in Montreal.

The North American Sephardim fall into four major groups: Syrian, Moroccan, Judeo-Spanish, Spanish and Portuguese. Each group with surprising tenacity has retained its distinctive religious symbols and unique customs.

The author is concerned about the ethnic and spiritual survival of these communities with their rich and noble traditions. He wonders if they will be able to transmit their old and colorful heritage to their children.

This comprehensive volume provides a compendium of Sephardic laws and customs under four headings: Special Family Occasions, Daily Reminders of the Heritage, Worship in Public and Private, Sabbath Festivals and special days.

The Ashkenazic Jew is astonished to discover how many traditions of the four groups under discussion are different from his own:

• Sephardim will often name their children after living relatives, including parents.

• In the Moroccan community, the ritual naming of the girl is performed at home. During the ceremony the rabbi takes the child in his arms and recites a number of biblical verses.

• Among the Syrian Jews a boy observes his bar mitzvah when he is 12½.

• In the Moroccan community, on the morning following a wedding, it is traditional for the mother of the bride to place doughnuts, honey and milk outside the door of the room in which the newlyweds have slept, to symbolically wish them a life as sweet as honey and as clear and rich as milk.

• Among Syrian Jews when a mother dies, the sons may go to the cemetery for the burial. They do not go to the cemetery for a father. In most instances the complete burial service is conducted by the Chevra Kadisha without the full participation of the family.

• Syrian Jews who originate from Spain light an extra candle during all the nights of Chanukah. This custom originated in the 16th century when the ancestors of present-day Syrians were finally accepted into the community.

The author of this meticulously detailed and scholarly study is an Orthodox rabbi of Ashkenazic descent. His book, the result of many years of study and observation, will be of interest to all who seek greater knowledge, insight and understanding of an ancient and significant part of the Jewish people.

Jewish composer noted for virtuosity

By MYRON LOVE

Sid Robinovitch

WINNIPEG — Composer Sid Robinovitch recently had his name linked with some of the great Jewish composers, names such as Ernest Bloch, Leonard Bernstein and Felix Mendelssohn.

The event was The Mennonite Oratorio 87 in which the Mennonite Oratorio Choirs, accompanied by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, performed a concert of all-Jewish music in recognition of the rich musical and cultural contributions of the Jewish community to this city.

A longtime resident of Toronto, Robinovitch and his family (wife, Shelley, and 2-year-old Lewis) returned to Winnipeg a year ago to be close to their respective families.

"Everyone thought we were out of our minds," said Robinovitch. "Very few people return to Winnipeg from Toronto. But we're not sorry.

"We have a lot of friends and family here and, professionally, there is a lot going on here. We still have a lot of contacts in Toronto and may go back one day. For now, we're happy in Winnipeg."

In the past year, the Brandon-born composer has had several new works published and premiered. His Talmud Suite was premiered in Detroit last June by the Elmer Iseler Singers, which Robinovitch described as the best choral group in Canada. the work was published by Gordon Thompson.

He recently completed Prairie Sketches for the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra in a concert which will be broadcast on CBC FM's Arts National.

Another new piece of his is Aye's the Bye, based on the popular Newfoundland song, for piano, violin and cello. The Canadian Piano Trio has performed the work in Toronto and through the Maritimes and the group is flying Robinovitch to Chicago in May for the American premiere of the composition.

"I had two short pieces, Chatsi Kaddish and Prayer Before Sleep performed by the Mennonite Oratorio Choir," said Robinovitch. "The main pieces were Bloch's hour-long Sacred Service and Chichester Psalms by Bernstein. The concert features a 280-piece choir and more than 70 musicians."

Chichester Psalms is a 19-minute work based on Psalms 23, 100 and 131. A work of three movements, it was completed in 1965 as a commission for the annual musical festival in Chichester, England.

Bloch's Avodath Hakodesh, composed between 1930 and 1933, was the first work commissioned from a major composer for a Jewish service for cantor, choir and orchestra. The work was taken from the text of the Union Prayer Book.

Accompanying the choir and musicians was chazzan Benjamin Maissner of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple and Winnipeg boy soprano Casey Chisick. Rabbi Neal Rose of Winnipeg served as the narrator.

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Arts

Judy Davis and Colin Friels star in Kangaroo based on the novel by D.H. Lawrence.

Though performers are excellent

Kangaroo misses its potential

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
In 1922 D.H. Lawrence and his German wife, Frieda, left Britain and went to Australia, spending about a year there before returning home.

For Lawrence, Australia was an invigorating experience. The country was new and vital, very different than Europe, and the people were open and honest and high-spirited.

It was in this fresh milieu that Lawrence, so intellectual and yet so sensuous, produced a novel, Kangaroo.

Now Kangaroo has been adapted for the screen under the same name by Evan Jones. He has taken some liberties, but the essentials of the book remain intact.

Kangaroo, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is set at two different times — 1916 and 1922 — and follows the fortunes of Richard and Harriet Somers, who are modeled after D.H. and Frieda Lawrence.

In the first instance, the police barge into the Somers' cozy parlor one stormy night, animated by the suspicion that he — a serious essayist on politics, revolution and sex who happens to be a conscientious objector to the war — is a subversive, and that his wife is a German spy.

Their privacy and their dignity having been violated so crudely, the Somers decide to leave Britain and find peace of mind in the Far East, far from the violence, corruption, and staleness of Europe.

Cut to Australia, circa 1922, where the young and attractive couple (portrayed by Colin Friels and Judy Davis) have settled into a rather somnolent, somewhat boring, existence in a pleasant Sydney suburb.

The pair meet Jack and Vicki Calcott (John Walton and Julie Nihill), who are their opposites in many respects. Jack, a war veteran who won the Victoria Cross, is manly and outgoing, while Richard is meek and bookish. Harriet is sophisticated and smart. Vicki is unworldly and simple.

Despite their differences, the two couples mesh, enjoying each other's company for different reasons. Jack, whose eyes are on Harriet, admires Richard's firm convictions, while Richard is swept up by Jack's direct manner and his cute little wife. Harriet has no real ulterior motives: She simply likes her new surroundings.

Jack introduces Richard to Kangaroo (Hugh Keays-Byrne), a former army general who now leads a fascist paramilitary force known as the Diggers. Kangaroo is a rabid anti-Bolshevik union buster who wants to form a new society in Australia, an authoritarian one like that of Mussolini's Italy. He sees in Richard, an author he has read with admiration, a literate voice he can use to advance his cause.

But Richard, for all of Kangaroo's flattery, doesn't fall into line, also being interested in socialist ideas. Caught between two vastly diverse political poles, Richard is torn by indecision as his marriage to the high-strung Harriet undergoes strain.

Kangaroo is a dense, intelligent film, but not all that accessible to the general public because of its tortoise crawl pace. It might have been better had the script been considerably tightened up.

The performers are excellent. Judy Davis, who speaks with a wholly authentic German accent, is plain and beautiful, sombre and rambunctious, and always penetrating. She is a sterling actress about whom more will be heard in the future.

Colin Friels, her husband off screen, conveys an appealing earnestness, while John Walton exudes raw power. Hugh Keays-Byrne is the epitome of idealism turned sour.

With such a wealth of acting talent at its disposal, it is regrettable that *Kangaroo* cannot realize its full potential.

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Charming city links old and new

Romantic Jaffa makes both night and days exciting

By
PAUL LUNGEN

JAFFA —

You're in Tel Aviv and you want to check out the nightlife. Where do you go? Dizengoff St. Sure. North on Arlosoroff to where it intersects with Dizengoff? Why not?

There are plenty of restaurants, bars and street-life in both areas open till the wee hours of the morning.

But if you head just a few miles south to Jaffa, you can find something a little bit special. Many Israeli couples take advantage of ancient Jaffa's romantic atmosphere to court and spark.

In the evenings, Jaffa is a beehive of activity with seaside restaurants serving a variety of dishes in all manners of cuisine. Shops are open for browsing and the narrow streets provide a special charm.

By day, Jaffa is, well, quaint. An ancient city undergoing a modern facelift, Jaffa is a gem for those who like to make their way down narrow streets that twist and turn, discovering a new shop here, an interesting restaurant there.

Linking the old and the new, Jaffa also combines architecture styles that record the passing of one conquest after another: Byzantine, Crusader, Ottoman, Arab and contemporary. A guide can point out the differences in style and craftsmanship — Crusader stone is distinct from Ottoman, for example. Knowing the history of what you're looking at can add to the enjoyment of the scenery.

Inside a park on a knoll not far from the Mediterranean you can find a modern sculpture by Israeli artist Kafri telling in stone the story of Israel. The work, in three sections, shows Jacob fighting with an angel (afterwards he was known as Israel), the victory of the Hebrews at Jericho and Abraham preparing to sacrifice Isaac.

Nearby, you can find archeological digs that harken back to Jaffa's ancient past. Documentary evidence mentioning the ancient port of Joppa goes back 3,500 years. According to legend, Joppa's founder was Japhet, the son of Noah.

In Chronicles 2, Joppa is mentioned as the port to which Hiram, king of Tyre, would ship wood for King Solomon's building projects. Jonah set sail for Tarshish from Joppa.

In more modern times, Jaffa was once the metropolis and Tel Aviv a sort of upstart garden suburb when in 1909, 60 Jewish families left overcrowded Jaffa and established what would become Tel Aviv.

A walk in Jaffa will uncover the interesting Museum of Archeology, St. Peter's Church, the clock tower and a flea market beckoning bargain hunters.

There is also an artists' colony located in the picturesque alleyways, art galleries, jewelry, clothing and souvenir shops.

North of Jaffa just down the coastal road is Tel Aviv. Much has been written about this dynamic, bustling city. It is home to numerous museums, art galleries and is the centre for nightlife, the arts, theatre. It also boast numerous good beaches.

Great beach hotels

It even has a strip of high quality beach hotels — like the Dan, Sheraton and Basel — reminiscent of Miami Beach. But Hayarkon Street still has a long way to go before ever being confused with Miami's A1A.

Like cosmopolitan cities everywhere, Tel Aviv offers a staggering variety of eating establishments. For excellent continental cuisine — at Canadian prices — try Au Petit Paris on Dizengoff St. If you're looking for a more modest meal while you can sit back and watch the world go by, try Cherry's on Dizengoff and Ben Gurion or its second location on Arlosoroff.

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The ancient and the new coexist farther up the coast at Caesarea. There you can find Israel's only golf course while nearby is the Herodian fortress city of Caesarea. Constructed by Herod in 20 BCE on the site of a Phoenician anchorage, the site still evidences the opulence Herod built into it. Facing the sea is the amphitheatre, since restored. It is still in use each summer as concerts and plays are presented there.

Inside the fortress you can see moats and battlements and high vaulted halls with Gothic arches testifying to the Crusader presence.

Nearby, you can find the 22-km long aqueduct, a marvel of engineering, that brought water to Caesarea from Carmel.

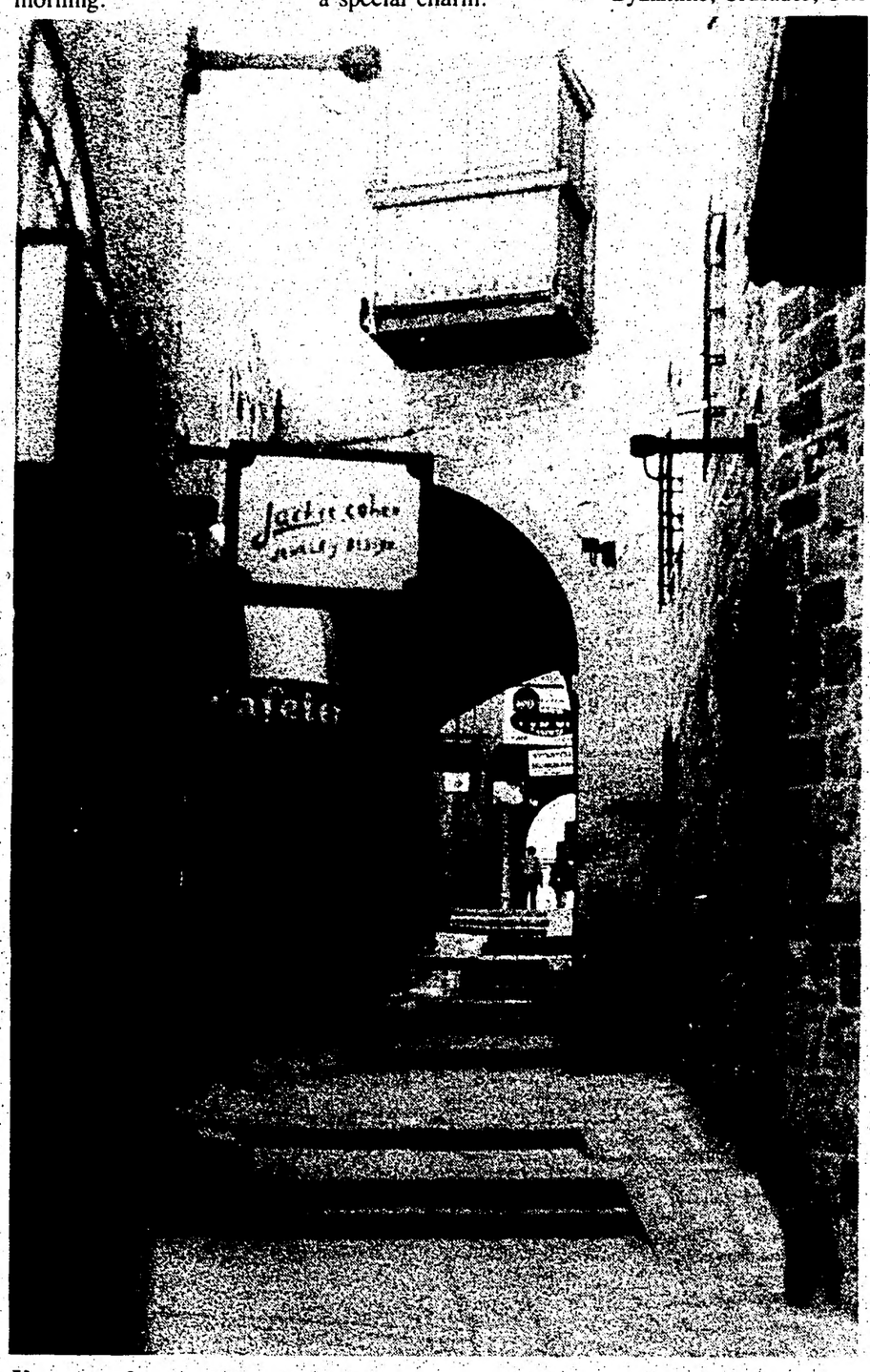
For 600 years, Caesarea was the capital of the Roman province of Judea. It was in 66 CE that the Great Revolt against the Roman empire began and at it was at Caesarea, at the end of the Bar Kochba rebellion that Rabbi Akiba was killed by the Romans.

Further up the coast, north of Haifa, is Acre (Akko). Its skyline dominated by a green-topped minaret, inside the walled city you can find the remnants of Crusader and Moslem fortresses.

Some of the well-preserved, underground Crusader halls and crypts were only recently excavated. Lit by dangling light-bulbs, they have an eerie atmosphere. You can make your way between rooms through narrow, underground passages reminiscent of escape tunnels featured in many Hollywood films.

Acre's shouk, similar to Jerusalem's but on a smaller scale, is worth a visit, as is the 18th century citadel, once used as a prison by the British. It was there that they once executed Jewish freedom fighters and it was from that prison that the spectacular escape was engineered in the pre-1948 fight for independence.

The sea wall, which held Napoleon's invading fleet at bay in 1799, is still largely intact and a walk along the waterline will reveal a variety of colorful boats used by the local fishermen.



You never know what you'll find as you explore old Jaffa's meandering streets. [Paul Lungen photo]

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Travel

No way to get bored in vital city

Melbourne will capture your heart quickly

By
PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY

MELBOURNE —

I only had 12 hours to explore Melbourne, but it's easy enough to fall in love in less time than that. There's just no way to get bored in this vital city, for one is constantly dipping into one century and out into another.

Melbourne is an amalgam of building styles from Queen Anne to California Bungalow, with Gothic Revival, Spanish Mission, Georgian, and several other styles thrown in.

I spent half my day walking around with my head constantly rotating as if it were motorized. I spent the second half "resting" on an Australian Pacific bus tour. After that, I spent time wishing I'd had more time to spend in the city and its environs.

One does a lot of double-takes in Melbourne. What you see you don't necessarily get.

There are lots of amusement park effects. The sprightly-looking Flinders Street Railway Station resembles the famous Brighton Pavilion. Trolley cars have a gaiety of their own, all painted garish red, green, purple and yellow. A waterfall covers the picture-windowed entrance to the National Gallery; an outdoor one borders a department store. The arts centre complex tower is designed to look like a ballerina in a tutu, but at night, when hundreds of bulbs on its framework are lit, the visitor expects to find a nightclub named the Eiffel Tower below it.

I "did" two museums quickly but surely. One favorite was the National Museum on Swanston St., a perfect establishment for hordes of bright-cheeked schoolboys who clutter the historical and scientific galleries trying out every button, machine, and earphone in sight. They are wonderfully Australian and English at the same time, dressed in uniforms of crested blazers and knee socks.

The historical displays are good for consciousness-raising about pioneer and Depression days in the city, but the most prominent exhibit is a stuffed prize racing horse. It had an awesome effect on the admiring schoolboys — undoubtedly future racing enthusiasts in a city famous for the sport.

The National Gallery in the arts complex offered artistic glimpses of Australian life. Such fine painters as Sir Russell Drysdale have provided an Australian Hopper-like view of life in the 30s. There are also some excellent Impressionists and an extensive theatre arts exhibit on permanent view.

The City Explorer tour run by the Australian Pacific Tours is the most efficient and pleasant way to glimpse other city highlights. There's even time to see Captain Cook's 18th century cottage which was shipped out from Yorkshire and rebuilt brick by brick in the Fitzroy Gardens. The home of Captain Cook, who discovered Australia's east coast, seems like a miniature of Anne Hathaway's charming cottage in Stratford-on-Avon. It has an equally charming, if similar, old world garden surrounding it.

The Botanical Gardens, which contain 1,200 plant varieties, are superb. The lakeside pavilion is the nicest place imaginable in which to enjoy what are possibly the best scones, clotted cream and jam outside of Great Britain.

The bus driver/guide announces such magnificent Victorian government buildings as Parliament House, and drives through lovely residential areas, the red light district, and past the huge cricket stadium where Pope Paul recently appeared.

Excellent hotels such as the Regent, the Hilton, and the Travelodge are to be glimpsed.

Chinatown, and the restored Jam Factory Shopping Centre, now a huge mall, titilate longings to linger and explore. Glass skyscrapers, the lengthy Yars River Bridge, and the bustling shopping Swanston St. shopping area, serve as reminders that Melbourne, a city of 3 million, is the most important commercial centre in Victoria.

The day passed quickly; the 50-minute Ansett flight to Sydney seemed like a mere kangaroo hop. It would have been ideal to have had extra time to explore Melbourne's zoo, attend its theatres and discos and try out its myriads of ethnic restaurants. Such attractions outside the city as Phillip Island where 3,000 penguins waddle around at dusk would have been fun to see.

Still, half a loaf, especially in gigantic Australia, is better than none!

Hilton, El Al create check-in service

TEL AVIV —

Luggage-laden dawn dashes to Ben Gurion Airport are a thing of the past for El Al passengers staying at the Tel Aviv Hilton. The hotel, in cooperation with El Al Israel Airlines, has introduced a new advance check-in service exclusively for guests of the hotel.

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Tel Aviv Hilton general manager, Peter van der Vliet, believes the new service will be a great boon to travelers. "It's quick, convenient and secure," he notes.

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Story and drawing by
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MONTREAL —

Go into your favorite supermarket and stroll to the fresh fruit and vegetable department where, despite winter's snow and cold, exotic, tender products from Israel and other countries have been on display.

A few days ago they were picked from some Asian, African or South American field and brought to Canada. Some, like the persimmon, sugar and sweet and orange colored, are so delicate they must move fast. How did they get here?

Morris (Moish) Cohen is one of the larger handlers of perishable air cargo at Mirabel airport who sees this aspect of air freight expanding rapidly.

After 20 years as a top marketing and sales executive with one of Montreal's leading printers, Cohen left one day six years ago to discover a big growth industry at Mirabel — air cargo handling for the large, foreign airlines.

"I had experience at Mirabel when I sold printing," he says. "We printed inserts for newspapers and magazines and we were able to deliver to England quicker than the English printers.

"So I learned a lot about air transportation and air cargo and developed a system of monitoring movements of shipments and avoiding pitfalls of delay.

"I began to realize, with the development of jumbos and the high cost of flying aircraft and Toronto opening to foreign carriers, that most of the lines would not be flying directly to Mirabel.

"They were doing air cargo handling on their own. I decided there was a need for a common cargo handling facility which could reduce costs of operations for the airlines and be more efficient."

So Cohen went to El Al and TAP (the Portuguese airline), formed Mega International Air Service Inc., rented a warehouse and became the first common handler at Mirabel.

"When a plane arrived we moved the cargo into our warehouse and informed customs at Mirabel," he explains. "El Al, for example, would have a shipment of textiles, so we would inform the people or agents and store the cargo until it was cleared and picked up."

Other carriers, one after the other, signed annual contracts with Cohen and soon he had 12 airlines and a fast developing business.

"The first year, 1980, we made a small profit, but we proved we were on the right track," he says. "We expanded and got more carriers by showing them how to increase cargo volume into Montreal — and then we moved into Toronto and Vancouver."

The big turn for Cohen came when he went to El Al and convinced them of the potential Montreal market for Israel's fruits and vegetables.

"We did some research, for example, on tomatoes. Most of our tomatoes come into the city by truck from the United States" he says. "California tomatoes come still green and unripe at picking time and don't get to market for some five or six days. You know those tomatoes — plastic tomatoes with no juice or taste.

"I said to the Israelis, you can fly your ripened tomatoes here. They tested the market in small quantities and were very successful. Higher quality, though a bit more expensive, but people liked them."

Now Cohen and his Mega operation handle over 300 tons and more per week of Israeli fresh fruit and vegetables — tomatoes, red peppers, flowers, persimmons — direct by El Al jumbo air freighters.

Born in Montreal in 1935, Cohen grew up on the old Jewish east side, attended Baron Byng and several years at McGill studying commerce.

He remembers being the waterboy for the Alouette football team when they played in the old Delormier Stadium. "I used to sneak my friends in to see the games free."

At 10 he joined Habonim, then later the Labor Zionist where he became chairman of the eastern region and extremely active in the Canadian Zionist Federation as a vice-president and chairman of the youth department.

He has lived in a Chomedey bungalow with his wife Raisy (they were married in 1955) for 28 years. Their two children Carleen, 27, and Harry, 22, are married and live in Israel.

"For the past 10 years I've been to Israel at least five times each year," he says, "and now, even more often."

Usually up at 5 a.m. he takes care of paper work at the kitchen table, then drives to his Mirabel office in the Mega Building where a staff of 100 handle the operations of three warehouses with incoming and outgoing cargos — 28% of all cargo at the Montreal airport.

"We are probably the largest handlers and employer in the cargo areas," he says. "We occupy 50,000 square feet of warehousing space."

Moish usually works steadily through the day, in touch with airlines and the operation of the Vancouver and Toronto warehouses he opened several years ago.

In 1984, he set up a warehouse in the Toronto international airport and last year, with a small group, began its expansion into a complex of three warehouses with a staff of 60 to be opened soon. "We will have a super modern cargo handling facility using the latest loading equipment, reducing handling time by hours," he says.

Mega has established its own small cargo carrier — Sector Airline — to open operation in six months to send produce to outlying Canadian areas in Quebec, Ontario and northeast United States.

"We have seven airlines involved — Israel, Greece, Portugal, India, Egypt, Italy and Spain to spread fruits and vegetables into these market areas ," Cohen says.

He is a firm believer in the need to know marketing. "People think that selling is marketing. That it is all the same thing. In fact, selling is only one function of marketing — the others are the perception of marketing needs, the ability to fulfil them, advertising, reseach and manufacturing. Then — and only then — comes the selling."

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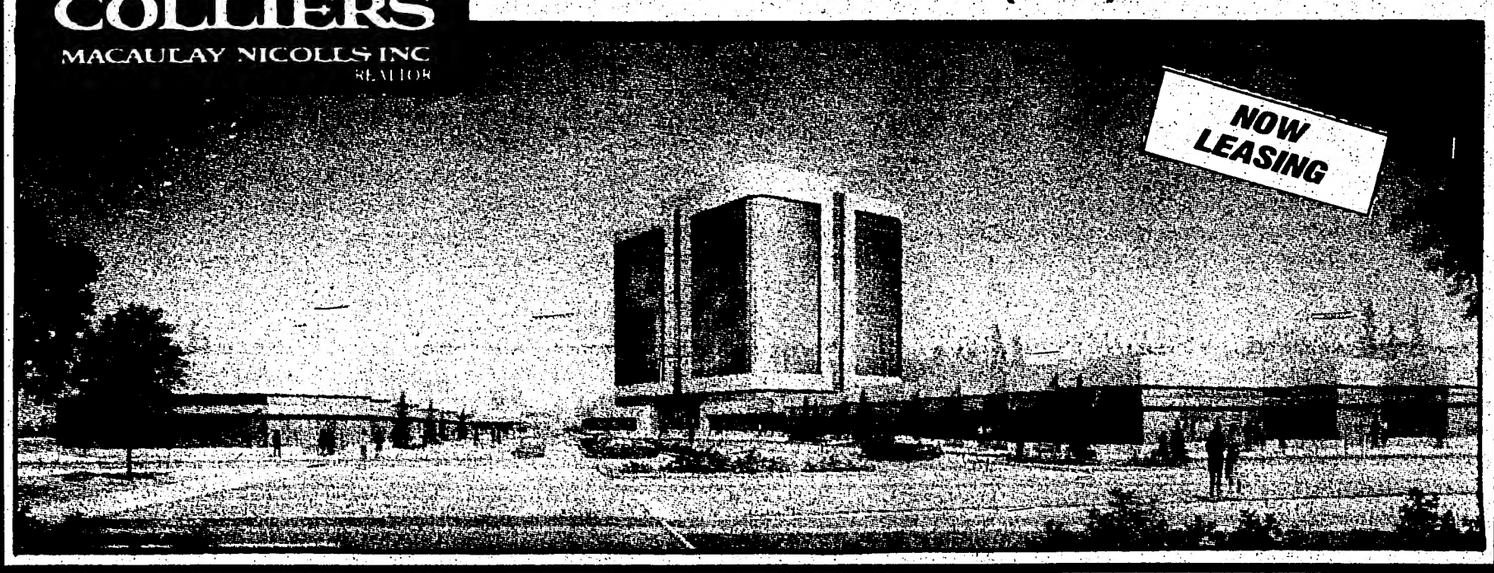

Business Outlook

Credit and marketing information to businesses

D&B leaps into future with computerized system

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

It seems fitting that in the year Dun & Bradstreet Canada begins its second century, it does so with a giant leap into the future.

Last week the company, which supplies credit and marketing information to businesses, held a press conference to introduce what President Alan Mankoff called "the most advanced computerized business information system in Canada, and indeed in North America."

The Bilingual Automated Office System, or BAOS, which has been in operation since Feb. 2, is the culmination of four years of research employing from 30 to 100 skilled workers (dependent on the stage of development) and $22 million in equipment, facilities and human resources.

"For almost 100 years, if you were a D&B subscriber and wanted to obtain a full report on a company, you had two options. You could either call or mail in your requests. We would then manually pull the report — (D&B has comprehensive records on more than 620,000 Canadian businesses) — out of the file, stick it in an envelope, and put it at the tender mercies of Canada Post."

Or, as David Murray, vice-president of the business information division, said: "What used to take two or three weeks, can now be done in minutes."

Mankoff said that now, in an effort to be responsive to customer needs, the implementation of BAOS "enables us to provide Canadian business people with exactly the information required, and to have it in their hands virtually the moment the information is needed. Along with one other very exciting variation, the information is available in either of Canada's official languages — English or French."

The new sophisticated system, an updated and modified variation of Keypoint and Keyprint introduced in 1980, has three distinct delivery methods: DunsTel, a toll-free hotline where the subscriber talks directly to a D&B representative (and is mailed a printout); DunsVoice, which provides immediate summary information by touch-tone phone; and DunsPrint, which gives the subscriber, via his own computer terminal, direct access to D&B's National Information Centre as well as a printout.

"We are able to enter raw report data — information into our system in either English or French and then extract the data in a fully-formated report in either language. To my knowledge, there is no other data base or system of this magnitude anywhere in North America with this capability," Mankoff said.

"Our systems people here in Canada have been true pioneers in the development and implementation of this unique system," he said, adding that it may ultimately be used throughout the corporation worldwide.

A side effect of the bilingual computerization is that overall quality of reports has improved, Mankoff said. "Free form" reports by business analysts in the company's 10 offices in Canada were changed to a "fixed format" without sacrificing any of the quality or informational aspects of the reports — there are more than 200 checkpoints for data.

The president said that the automation program caused the company to rethink every facet of its operation.

When asked how D&B's investment would be repaid, Mankoff said that it would be through providing a higher degree of service to the Canadian business community especially smaller businesses which may only require minimal information. With BAOS, the subscriber chooses the level of service which determines the costs. D&B has had about 10,000 subscribers for years but expects a growth of 20% over the next few years.

"Smaller companies which couldn't afford our services before now can get low cost and quick checks before they get involved in a venture."

Murray said that the overlying factor that initiated D&B's automation was "our responsibility to respond to our customers' needs. In today's society, they're in competitive positions ... everything changes so quickly ... you have to develop products and services which meet the needs of today and the future."

He said D&B Canada had a choice — implement a variation of the U.S. system in English only (due to Quebec language laws this would have necessitated a withdrawal from that province, this in itself might have been difficult as Montreal was the site of the company's first office) or be a national corporate citizen and develop a French program.

Employers optimistic

TORONTO —

Emerging from the annual winter employment slowdown, employers across the country responding to the Quarterly Employment Outlook Survey conducted by Manpower Temporary Services, expect hiring activity to pick up substantially during the 1987 second quarter.

Interviews with more than 1,700 employers nationwide in late February indicated 29% planning to hire additional workers during the next three months while reductions are anticipated by 7% during the same period.

No change in current employee levels is expected by 61%. The remaining 3% are unsure.

"Employers in all major industry categories are optimistic and an upswing in hiring activity is expected in all 35 participating cities from coast to coast," commented Manpower president William Coke.

Prospects for employment appear good in both durable and non-durable goods manufacturing. Increased employment is expected by 30% of durable goods manufacturers while cutbacks are forecast by 11%. No change is anticipated by 56% and 3% are unsure.

Similarly, 27% of Non-durable goods manufacturers indicate intentions to hire during April, May and June with 6% expecting to cut back.

Following the annual first quarter cutbacks in the aftermath of the holiday season, wholesalers and retailers plan to commence hiring during the second quarter.

Twenty-eight per cent of employers interviewed expect to hire additional staff while reductions are foreseen by 4%. No change is anticipated by 64% and the remaining 4% are uncertain.

Finance, insurance and real estate, as one category, is expected to offer continued employment opportunites throughout the 1987 second quarter. Twenty-three percent of employers contacted plan to hire during the next three months while cutbacks are foreseen by 4%.

The outlook for those seeking work in the service area show a slight improvement over the situation a year ago as increased employment is planned by 32% of companies contacted with 8% predicting reductions.

While increased employment opportunities are expected in all participating East Coast cities, employers in St. John's, appear particularly optimistic as 46% of employers interviewed plan to hire during the next three months. Cutbacks are planned by just 6%.

Similarly, a positive response has been received from employers in all participating cities in Western Canada. Prospects appear especially good in Winnipeg where 35% of employers contacted foresee a need for increased staff and 4% plan cutbacks.

The employment outlook appears promising in Montreal where 27% of employers will add staff during the second quarter as reductions are planned by 5%.

In Toronto, hiring increases are forecast by 17% of employers contacted and reductions by 3%.

Fish House menu winner

TORONTO —

The Fish House Restaurant has won first place in Seafood Leader's first annual menu competition. Judges for the trade publication chose the Toronto entry over 362 others from the United States and Canada.

"The judging was difficult, they said . . . but it was the humor and originality of the Fish House entry that swept the vote." An oversized fish wearing a traditional sou'wester hat opens to reveal a wide and appealing range of fish and seafood dishes. Words such as "high voltage," "bold," "unique" and "fun" were inspired by the colorful menu.

"High standards and wide selection need not be confined to North America's coasts," agree co-owners Hal Roback and Ken Baxter. "On a daily basis, we carry 25 to 40 varities of fresh fish from around the world."

The Fish House, which celebrated its 4th anniversary in November, is undergoing an expansion that will add 100 more seats and a new lounge, seafood bar and gift shop.

By May 1987, unit number 2 is planned to open at Dufferin and Steeles.

The Fish House is located at 2035 Sheppard Ave. E.

Bino new CEO at Leumi

TEL AVIV —

Banking executive Sadik Bino has been appointed the new chief executive officer of Bank Leumi by its board of directors, the bank has announced.

Before his appointment, Bino was the chairman of the board of the First International Bank of Israel and its managing director until 1986.

He is a member of the board of Sahar Insurance Co. Ltd., a member of the Bank of Israel Advisory committee on commercial banking and a member of the financial committee of the Israel defence ministry Armament Development Authority.

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100' LOT! Immaculate 4/5 bdrm home Panelled library with fireplace. Rec room, billiard room, sauna, sparkling pool. $795,000 Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.

***LOWER VILLAGE ELEGANCE!**
Georgian design. Centre hall. Large library on landing. 5 bdrms. C.A.C. Dble gar. David Wagman 488-2875.

***PRESTIGE LOCATION! $995,000**
Beautifully appointed & renovated! 5 bdrms, 6-pc master en suite. Library. solarium. Ultra modern kit. Deep lot. Sauna. C.A.C. Central vac. Security system. ++++ Celine Joel 488-2875.

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3 Stry., parking + garage! Multiple fireplaces! Beautiful mouldings! Loaded with potential! Elaine Weinberg 783-3333.

UPPER VILLAGE TUDOR
$449,000 Traditional home on quiet dead end street, large principal rooms, leaded windows, two fireplaces, 3/4 bdrm., 3 baths, walk to Eglinton shops, shuls and subway. For further information, Pauline Spence 783-3333.

CEDARVALE — PRIME LOCATION
Eglinton/Bathurst, 3 bdrm. + tandem, tudor style home, large principle rms., main floor family room, 3 pce. ensuite, hardwood flrs. throughout. $349,000 D. Abraham 783-3333.

BATHURST - DELORAINE
Beautiful two stry., 3 bdrm., 2 baths, mod. kitchen, fin. bsmt., central air, spac. lot, private drive, many extras, walk to synagogue, shops, priced to sell. C. Levy 783-3333.

BATHURST / WILSON
Armour Blvd., charming 3 bdrm., 2 stry. home, finished basement, fireplace, gleaming hardwood floor, private fenced yard. Shows to perfection. $249,000 D. Abraham 783-3333.

STEPS TO PROMENADE
Luxury condo for sale or lease, corner suite with SW view, largest 2+ bdrm. model, ensuite, solarium + balcony, $193,000 or $1,350/mth. June possession. G. Reid 488-2444.

CONDOS CONDOS CONDOS
At Glencairn Subway: 360 Ridelle, just listed, 3 bdrm., east/west view, corner unit, indoor pool and sauna $145,000 to $149,000. At Bathurst/Finch: luxury 2 bdrm., shabat elev., fab. spa $169,000. D. Abraham 783-3333.

CONDO SPECIALIST
At 360 Ridelle, just listed 2 bdrm., fabulous west view, gleaming hardwood floor, indoor roof top pool, sauna, sundeck, T.V. security system, walk to shops. $148,000. D. Abraham 783-3333.

GLENCAIRN/BATHURST
$439,000 4 sold 3 to go. New homes to be built 4 + 5 bdrms, mn flr family den, laundry + pwdr rms. Wlk to Bathurst. Best value. Hurry, many extras! B. Mandell 884-2016, 884-2105, 481-3443.

YORK DOWNS/BATHURST
$349,000 Spacious 4 bdrm, mn flr fam rm / laundry + pwdr rms, fully finished lower level, separate ent, suitable for doctor, dentist. on dead end street, 4 w/o's, many extras. Hurry! J. Schulberg, B. Mandell 481-3443, 884-2016.

50' FRONTAGE $239,000
South of Lawrence/Bathurst, nr expensive homes, 2 bdrms, 1½ stry. mod kit, dble gar, fin lower level, wet bar, 1½ baths, southern exposure, freshly decorated. Must be seen, flex poss. Hurry! J. Schulberg 884-2016, 884-2105, 481-3443.

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BATHURST-GLENCAIRN-LAWRENCE 67'x150' LOT
Executive 9 room sidesplit. Huge fabulous kitchen with built-ins & w/o to patio. 4 bdrms on upper level. 4 baths. Main floor den & family room with w/o. Fin. rec room with open fireplace & wet bar. 2 car attached garage. Walking distance to all amenities. Doris Simon 787-1712/781-2228.

***BATHURST-LAWRENCE 4-5 BDRMS**
Beautiful & spacious 2 storey + finished rec room. Main floor powder & family room with open fireplace and walkout to garden. Fabulous new 30' kitchen. Huge master - 4 pc en suite. Newly renovated. Must be seen! Nina Mason 787-1712/782-2635.

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Lovely brick bungalow. Fin bsmt. Call Charlie Rotem 787-1712/665-0715.

BATHURST & CLARK
New listing $189,900. Detached 3 bdrms., 2 baths. Central air, fireplace in living rm. Walk out to backyard from dining rm. Excellent starter home. Call **RACHEL SALTSOV 535-3103, 638-5593.**
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$649K Enormous 4-bdrm. family home on prime st. Enter through 15-ft. mirrored foyer w/2-pce. powder rm. 24-ft. living rm. + dining rm. + dining rm. w/blonde oak flrs. & custom mirrored walls. Lux. kit. w/centre island bar + 10-ft. breakf. rm. Main-flr. fam. rm. w/18-ft. beam ceilings + raised lounge area w/f.p. Spacious sleeping qtrs. w/ master bath & 4-pce. 27-ft. lower-level fam. rm. + rec. rm. + maid's qtra. w/3-pce. CAC, triple dr. & dbl. gar., prof. landscp. grounds. Bruce Smith.

LOWER VILLAGE — BEST VALUE
$399K. Spacious 2 storey 3 bdrm. on 200 ft. deep lot, large principal rooms with fireplace and natural oak floors and trim, modern kitchen with breakfast nook & w/o to deck, 2 pc. ensuite + 4 pc. bath, bsmt. recrm with fireplace. Bruce Smith.

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2 CUSTOM HOMES FOR SALE ON RODEO DR., THORNHILL
50'x120' lots, up to 3,900 sq. ft., 5 bd., 3 full washrms upstairs, oak stairs, ceramic tile in foyer & hallway, whirlpool bathtubs. Occupancy late summer '87. 881-6369, after 6 P.M.

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***BROOKSHIRE CIRCLE GREENLANE-LESLIE**
Choice location! Impressive 4 bdrm 2 storey. 4 washrooms. Huge en suite. Professionally finished bsmt with 2 bdrms. Central air and vac. Burglar alarm. Double garage. Expensive extras! Ruth Trachter.

***CONDO! HEMISPHERES II LARGEST CORNER UNIT**
Prestige building! Luxurious. 2 bdrms + den & solarium. Huge kitchen with walk-in pantry. Laundry room. 2 parking spaces. 2-4pc washrooms. Appliances. Unbeatable value! Ruth Trachter.

***BAYCREST AVENUE 4 BEDROOMS**
Large kitchen. 3 washrms. Covered sun porch. Appliances. Sep. in-law apt + huge rec room. Steps to Yorkdale and Subway. Ruth Trachter.

***CHARLTON BLVD BATHURST-DREWRY-YONGE**
Luxurious 4 bdrm-2 storey. Dble garage. Apprx. 3,000 sq. ft. of upgraded living area. 4 washrms. Central air. Apliances. Huge family rm with fireplace. Large rec rm with wet bar. Interlock driveway. Corey front porch. Short walk to Yonge subway or Bathurst bus. Ruth Trachter.

***BATHURST-WILSON STEPS TO BATHURST STREET¾**
New listing! 2 bdrms bungalow. Attached garage. Fin bsmt apt. Lge lot. Ruth Silver.

***BATHURST-SHEPPARD INCOME BUNGALOW**
New listing! 3 bdrm semi. 3 washrms. Attached garage. Sep entrance to self-contained apt. on ground level. Boris Piesok.

***BATHURST — NORTH OF STEELES SHOWS TO PERFECTION!**
Detached 3 bdrm 2 storey. Garage with loft. W/O to cedr deck and garden. Upgraded kitchen. Professionally finished bsmt. Central air. Millie Jacobs.

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RAVINE BUNGALOW — $895,000
Custom built bungalow situated on a beautiful ravine setting. Panelled library, central air, w/o lower level w/fam. rm. Call Barbara Kaplan, 483-4337.

LYNDHURST/CASA LOMA — $869,000
Incredible 3 storey home on 76' x 131' corner lot. Gracious and grand. Needs some polish to restore former grandeur. Call Gary Mitchell, 483-4337.

WELLS HILL/NINA — $598,000
Gracious 3 storey centre hall on a fabulous lot with 60' frontage. Attractive wood trim & leaded windows. 30' living rm. Fin. lower level. Dble. garage. Call Gary Mitchell, 483-4337.

UPPER VILLAGE TUDOR — VERY SPECIAL
$429,000. Updated home with skylights + bay windows. Main flr. fam. rm., w/o to deck & private garden. 4 bdrms. on 2nd flr. (master ens.). Separate 5th bdrm. w/ensuite bathroom. Fin. lower level. Call Marlene Federman, 483-4337.

BROOKSHIRE CIRCLE — ONE-OF-A-KIND
Stunning decor! Family rm. + library, super kit. with w/o to deck. 4-5 bdrms. including exquisite master suite. Lower level rec. rm. w/wet bar. Offered at $398,000. Call Eleanor Stanton, 483-4337.

CHILTERN HILL RD. — $389,000
Exceptional 2 storey home w/3-4 bdrms. (master ensuite), super custom white kit. w/brkfst. rm., w/o to garden. Nanny's quarters/Play rm., fireplace, central air. Call Don Wagman, 483-4337.

ALLENBY SCHOOL — 1ST AD
Very special 2 storey Tudor enhances with perfect wood trim, leaded windows, stunning "white" kit., central air, + fin. lower level, private drive. Offered at $350,000. Call Gayle Mitchell, 483-4337.

ALEXANDRA WOOD/GLENCAIRN
$699,000. Stately residence w/main fl. fam. rm. + panelled library, 4 bdrms. (master ens). Leaded windows, central air. Call Barbara Kaplan, 483-4337. SOLD

BAYVIEW/STEELES — $349,000
Spacious stone front residence, skylights, dark stained flrs., 4 baths, library + fam. rm. with w/o to 140 ft. lot. Fin. lower level. Call Gayle Mitchell, 483-4337. SOLD

LOWER FOREST HILL CONDO
Village Gate. Newly constructed choice unit w/clear view to the west. 1,730 sq. ft. Your choice of luxurious finishings. 2 great bdrms., 2 baths + 2 parking spots. Offered at $314,500. Call Gayle Mitchell, 483-4337. SOLD

CEDARVALE — $334,000
Beautiful bright 4 bdrm. home with spacious side centre hall plan. Eat-in kit., master ensuite. Call Judy Nathan, 483-4337. SOLD

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***SPRING FARM WELLINGTON MODEL OVER 2,000 SQ. FT. OF LUXURY**
$255,900 3 + bdrms, finished bsmt, premium fenced lot. 1-2pc & 3-4pc baths. Central air. Full wall pantry in a bright hollywood-style kitchen (south exposure). Family room with fireplace. This lovely home must be seen!

***ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS!! . . .**
$229,900 2 "CONCORD" models in SPRING FARM Located on premium lots in this desirable community, these homes feature 3 bdrms, 1-2pc. 2-4pc. baths. Family room with fireplce. and a bright eat-in kitchen. Flexible possession dates.

***2 BEDROOM CONDO — MINUTES TO HILLCREST MALL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**
$149,900 Will buy approx 1,200 sq. ft. Featuring en suite laundry room and closed sun room. Open balcony. Eat-in kitchen. 1-3pc and 1-4pc en suite baths.

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$188,900 Dufferin/Finch. Semi grossing over $21,000 @ year. Tenants pay 2/3 utilities. Tenants may be assumed or vacant possession is possible. SOLD

***$204,900 BAYVIEW-STEELES**
Backsplit semi grossing $20,400 per year. Tenants pay utilities.

***$269,900 EGLINTON/VAUGHAN RD.**
Detached triplex. Grossing over $20,000/yr. Excellent central location.

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Houses for Sale

ALAN NEWTON

BAYVIEW-16TH AVENUE NORTH!! $539,000
New exclusive! Wycliffe built! 4,200 sq. ft., 75-foot frontage, extras galore, below builders price! Al Sidofsky 736-1100.

BATHURST SOUTH OF STEELES $325,000
1st ad! 57x132 lot, 3 bdrm sidesplit, large main floor family rm, finished bsmt, possible in-law apt, kosher! Allen Bargman 736-1100.

2900 SQ. FT. IN THORNHILL
$324,900. 4 bdrm 27' master bdrm with fantastic ensuite, circular staircase, 21' family rm + firepl. Irene Bushev 736-1100.

BATHURST-STEELES — BACKS ONTO PARK!
$319,900. Delightfully decorated in gray & white, large family rm, huge master bdrm. Leah Gorlicky 736-1100.

BAYVIEW-HIGHWAY #7 $289,900
Brand new! 4 bdrm, main floor family rm, 19' master bdrm + reading rm, ceramic tiles, August poss. Wendy Teperman 736-1100.

BATHURST-STEELES — NUMEROUS UPGRADES
$289,900. Delightfully upgraded 4 + 1 bdrms, tandem fireplace in living-family rms, finished bsmt. Fran Sharvit 736-1100.

BATHURST-STEELES — MAGNIFICENT!
$235,000. Enormous kitchen, ensuite, marble fireplace, mirrors, pot lights, extras ga's. Susan Erlick 736-1100. SOLD

SPRING FARM — BATHURST-STEELES
$224,900. Brick 3 bdrm, main floor family rm + fireplace, 3 baths, deep lot, move in condition, 1,900 sq. ft! Al Sidofsky 736-1100.

YONGE-SHEPPARD "NEW CONDO"
$216,900. 2 bdrm, 2 baths, 1,350 sq. ft. 1st ad! Madison Place. Irene Bushev 736-1100.

BATHURST-STEELES "JUST LISTED"
$199,900. Delightful to live in! 3 bdrm, master bdrm includes ensuite, completely finished bsmt, value! Reta Blevis 736-1100.

BATHURST-CENTER "WHITE KITCHEN"
$187,000. Fully detached 2 storey, 3 bdrms, 3 baths, finished bsmt, new condition! June Gordon 736-1100.

BATHURST-CENTER "NEW EXCLUSIVE"
$179,900. Just listed! 3 bdrm, family size kitchen, large master bdrm. Rebecca Moscoe 736-1100.

YONGE-STEELES "CONDO"
$159,900. 1st ad! 205 Hilda! 2 bdrms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen, balcony, appliances, central air. Irene Bushev 736-1100.

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$449,900 Stately 2 Storey on Kid Safe Cul-De-Sac! Huge Princ. Rms., Inground Pool! Many Extras, 4+1 Bdrm., 4 Bath, 2 Fireplaces, Much More, Call Warren Cooper 221-5515.

BATHURST/LAWRENCE GREAT LOT
$259,000 Large 3 Bdrm. Home, Finished Basement, Pr. Entrance, Facing Park, Many Extras, Great Location, Don't Miss This One, Erika Bloch 487-7101.

1ST AD. A HONEY FOR THE MONEY!
$241,900 Thornhill 2 Storey, 4 Bdrms., 2 Car Garage, 2 Fireplace + Main Flr. Fam. Rm., + $5,000 in New Windows, Call Warren Cooper 221-5515.

1ST AD. THIS HOME SPARKLES!!
$204,900 Main Flr. Fam. Rm. + Fireplace, Large Yd., June Poss'n, Act Fast, Won't Last, W. Cooper 221-5515.

1ST AD. RICHMOND HILL FREEHOLD TOWNHOME!
$147,900 4 Yr. New! 3 Bdrms. + 3 Baths + 5 Appl., + Cent. Air + Fireplace, Pay No Maint. Feel Won't Last: Act Fast! Call Warren Cooper 221-5515.

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***BATHURST-CARRVILLE — RAVINE — CUSTOM BUILT**
3,000 sq. ft., 4 bdrm, fam rm. Huge kit. Sep. living-din, solarium, w/o bsmt. 3 skylights. Ceramics + parquet flrs. Many extras. Quality!

***STEELES/YONGE — SPACIOUS HOME**
Semi - 4 bdrm + den. 3 baths. Fin. bsmt. Cent. air. Private yard. Hdwd floors.

***CHOICE OF CONDOS**
1 - 2 bdrm Antibes Drive. From $124,900. Lux, balcony. Decorated, security.
3 bdrm Yonge-Clark $132,900. Quiet bldg. South exp. New listing.
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Houses for Sale

ALAN UNGERMAN REALTY LIMITED REALTOR 731-7111

BATHURST S. OF LAWRENCE — "SPECTACULAR"
Just listed! Upgraded 2 storey, 3 bdrm., magnificent white kitch., in-law bsmnt. apt., won't last! Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

BATHURST-DREWRY — SIDESPLIT!
Spacious 3+2 bdrm. on premium lot. Loads of extras. Appls., close to all conveniences. Value! Andy Reti, 731-7111.

BATHURST & 7 — A TASTE OF SUCCESS!
Modern 4,200+ sq. ft., 5 bdrm. on oversized landscaped lot. Mn. flr. fam. rm., den, laundry, fin. lower level, extras! Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — MOVE IN 1988!
Exceptional 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. & laundry, fin. bsmnt., loaded with goodies! Quiet cres. $259,900. Robin Korman.

ROSEDALE NORTH — JUST LISTED!
Fabulous, spacious 3 bdrm., totally upgraded, decorated, fin. bsmnt., dble. gar., premium lot. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — SPACIOUS!
Move-in cond.! 4 bdrms., Hollywood kitch., fam. rm., dble. gar., 5 appls., $269,900. Bella Beer, 731-7111.

SPRING FARM — "DESIGN SAVVY"
Luxurious, fabulous & spacious 3 bdrm., huge kitch. & fam. rm., super location. $$$ in extras. Becky/Gerry Wener, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CHABAD GATE — 4 BDRMS.
2,000 sq. ft., mn. flr. fam. rm. with firepl., fin. bsmnt., dble gar., near all amenities. $239,900. Paula Bernstein/Bella Beer, 731-7111.

BATHURST & CENTRE — BEGINNER WINNER!
3 bdrm., quiet cul-de-sac, oversized lot, sep. nanny's qtrs. + rec. rm., $189,900. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

YONGE & STEELES — LOTS OF LOT
Super 50'x130' lot. Build your dream home. A-1 location. For details, Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

PROMENADE APT. — TIRED FEET?
Approx. 1,138 sq. ft., 2 bd., 2 bths. St. Tropez model, Sept. poss. Bella Beer, 731-7111.

CONSERVATORY APT. — JUST LISTED!
Approx. 1,400 sq. ft., 2 bdrm., 2 bths., Oct. poss. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

Safeguard Real Estate Limited Realtor

BATHURST & STEELES — JUST LISTED
All-brick 2-stry. on quiet st. 3 b.r., lge. eat-in kit., fam. rm., w/o bsmt. Near schools & transpt. Michael Spagat, 886-1200.

$2,300 MONTHLY INCOME — ST. CLAIR & BATHURST
Gross income $27K, net $22K; + other commercial properties. Marlene George, 886-1200.

SHEPPARD & YONGE — LUXURY + 2 B.R. + SOLARIUM
Corner suite, buy now for summer poss. Great price! For this & others, call Eve Ungar, 886-1200.

BATHURST & CLARK
8 mo. new, 4-b.r. home on child-safe st.; 5 appl., mod. decor; close to shuls & stores. Call Jackie Belillti, 886-1200.

YORK MILLS & LESLIE — 5 B.R. 2 STRY.
Excellent fam. home, 4 baths, in-ground pool, + 2 change rms. Mn.-flr. fam. + 2 w/o; bsmt. prof. fin., maid's rm. + games. July poss.; a must to see. Pearl Grossman, 886-1200, res. 494-3572.

LUXURY CONDO — 333 CLARK
Huge terrace! 2 b.r. + den, 1,325 sq. ft.; vendor transferred. Asking $198,900. Call Helen Gould, 886-1200, 24-hr. pager or 633-5332, res.

BAYVIEW & CUMMER
Impresive fam. res. — priv. court — fantastic lot — 4 b.r. — 3 baths — 2 f.p. — fam. rm. + libry. — Mildred Cappe — 886-1200.

KITCHENER WEST!
1,400 sq. ft. fronting on Hwys. 401 & 97. Excellent potential for industrial! Asking $285,000. Jana Bebar, 886-1200.

BLUE FOREST-BROCKINGTON 5 B.R. 2 STRY.
Ravine! Excellent fam. home, 5 baths, fin. bsmt. + 2 w/o; mn.-flr. fam. & powder rm. Builder's custom-built; a must to see. For viewing, call Pearl Grossman, 886-1200, res. 494-3572.

PRESTIGIOUS COURTLAND
2 b.r. + delightful solarium, many upgrades! Bathurst S. of Steeles, $199,900. Helen Gould, 886-1200, 24-hr. pager or 633-5332, res.

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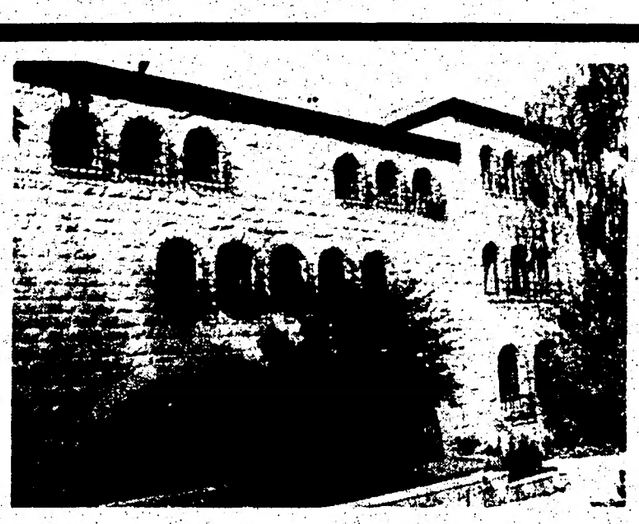

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Couple seeking central 2 bedroom apartment. $500.00 - $600.00. Baya 226-4894.

Marlee Ridelle Furnished 1 bedroom needed for June 1 to Sept. 1. Honey 789-7948, 785-1650.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice to Song writers! Jewish music competition. Jewish Students Federation wants your music. Songs can be Hebrew or English with Jewish themes. For the purpose of a album of contemporary music. If interested please submit a tape & lyrics to J.S.F., 4700 Keele St., Downsview, Ontario M3J 1P3. Call Rayzel or David Buzaglo at 736-5178.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Research Project on missionary and cult activity in Toronto. Do you know anyone who has been involved with any groups. All replies strictly confidential. Call Rayzel 736-5178.

Jewish Information Service invites university college students, entering at least 2nd year in the fall of 1987, to apply for community-project related jobs. Relevant background; social sciences, social work, Jewish studies, English, Library Sciences, or computers. The student should be prepared to work the full summer. Apply in writing with resume, to Joel Verbin, Jewish Information, 4600 Bathurst Street, Ste. 345, Willowdale, Ontario M2R 3V2.

Let Jewish Information Service help you connect to the Jewish Community. 635-5600.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jewish Students Federation announces young adult U.J.A. mission to Israel. 10 days whirlwind tour, plus 10 days in Toronto's adopted project renewal city. Leave May 27. $1,850.00 up to $500.00 subsidy available. For more info 736-5178.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Wilmington - 3 large bedrooms, air, 1½ bathrooms, adult. 636-7021.

Lawrence/Bathurst. Large 1 bedroom basement apartment. Broadloom, new kitchen, private entrance, close to T.T.C., shopping. $600.00/month. Referenes. Non-smoker. Call 781-9139 9-5:00 p.m., 781-5573 after 6:00 p.m.

Bathurst/Eglinton - 2 bedroom plus den, 1½ baths, air con., furnished. From May 1 to Aug. 31. Non-smoker. References required. $800.00 per month. Mike 785-5782.

Completely furnished 2 bedroom on Erskine (Yonge-Eglinton), to share with travelling (rarely home) roommate. $600.00 monthly, includes master bedroom with walk-in closet, parking, cable, telephone, linens, dishes. References required. Non-smoker. 486-0718 anytime.

House - Bathurst/Lawrence area. Small 2 bedroom, main floor. Single male inhabiting upper floor. Minimal rental in exchange for caring services for upper apartment. 535-3860 or 926-0541.

3000 Bathurst - 1 bedroom + den, 3 appliances, eat-in kitchen, parking and locker, 24 hrs security, 8th floor, available immediately. $950.00 per month. Call after 6:00 p.m. 499-6693.

ARTICLES FOR SALE

Richmond Hill Country Club charter family membership at substantial discount. 445-1065 evenings.

Fashion Accessories Sample Sale. Earings, necklaces, belts all of the highest quality at wholesale prices. 2 days only. Sunday, April 5 & Sunday, April 12, 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. 2899 Steeles Ave. West, Unit 24 at Keele. No cheques or credit cards.

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Antibes - 3 bd. $1,175
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Issue of April 16 - *deadline:*
Tues., April 7 at noon

Issue of April 23 - *deadline:*
Mon., April 13 at noon

OBITUARIES

Freda Cligman on Mar. 18/87, late of 4383 Bathurst St., #910.

Leah Gee on Mar. 18/87, late of 29 Brantley Cr.

William Ginsberg on Mar. 16/87, late of 48 Weatherstone Cres.

Rose Gough on Mar. 18/87, late of 55 Bleecker St., #607.

Freeda Koskie on Mar. 12/87, late of 26 Marathon Cres.

David Langer on Mar. 16/87, late of 72 Duplex Ave.

Barnet Loftus on Mar. 13/87, late of 295 Forest Hill Rd.

Ashleigh Maister on Mar. 17/87, late of 18 McKelvey Dr.

Barry Perlman on Mar. 18/87, late of 150 Heath St. W., #1304.

Annie Presman on Mar. 17/87, late of 1 Canyon Ave., #1605.

Pearl Roseberg on Mar. 17/87, late of 639 McIntyre St. W.

Magda Schafer on Mar. 15/87, late of 6040 Bathurst St.

Sylvia Starkman on Mar. 14/87, late of 32 Houseman Cres.

Sylvia Starr on Mar. 14/87, late of 313 Lonsdale Rd., #9.

Sarah Waxman on Mar. 18/87, late of 569 Sheppard Ave. W., #507.

Hannah Weis on Mar. 14/87, late of 424 Glengrove Ave. W.

Ida White on Mar. 13/87, late of 10 Shalmar Blvd., #307.

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OBITUARIES

Berkovits, Jindrich on March 20, 1987, late of 80 Antibes Dr.

Cohen, Jacob on March 19, 1987, late of The Baycrest Hospital.

Hiltz, Fern on Marrch 22, 1987, late of 86 Alexisa Blvd.

Marks, Leo on March 16, 1987, late of 115 Antibes Dr.

Naymark, Hilda on March 231, 1987, late of 31 Glenbrock Ave.

Rivkin, Sonja on March 22, 1987, late of 523 Finch Ave. W.

Sidenberg, Molly on March 21, 1987, late of 6200 Bathurst St.

Trojman, Chao on March 17, 1987, late of 6020 Bathurst St.

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SINGLES

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Metro Toronto Singles Presents: Annual Montrealers Singles Party, Sunday, April 5, 8:00 p.m., Convention Hall, Triumph Hotel (Keele St./401). Non-Montrealers welcome. 222-7111.

Beth Tikvah "Chai" Singles Group (35 and over) presents, in its Great Issues Lecture Series, Mr. Moshe Bensioni, Consul of Israel in Toronto, on the subject: "The Who's a Jew Controversy in Israel: Is there a way out?" — This devisive subject will be analyzed by the lecturer with particular emphasis on its tremendous implications both for Israel and for the Jews in the Diaspora. The ongoing attempt of the religious parties in Israel to amend the existing Law of Return which presently confers automatic citizenship on every Jew desiring it, could, if successful, have profound and unpredictable consequences for Jews worldwide. A question - and - answer period will follow Mr. Bensioni's exposition. This event takes place on Sunday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Beth Tikvah.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents: Annual Jewish Singles Weekend May 21-24 at Clevelands House Resort. Weekend includes tennis, golf, socials. Lower rates up to April 13. 222-7111.

Super Singles Nite. Tuesday, April 7th. Rooney's. 7:30 P.M. $7.00. High Society 783-8520.

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UNVEILING

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Helen Nash,** wife of Harry, mother & mother-in-law of Linda & Arthur Kaufman & Judy Nash, will take place on Sunday, April 5, 11:00 a.m. at Lambton Cemetery, Lagover Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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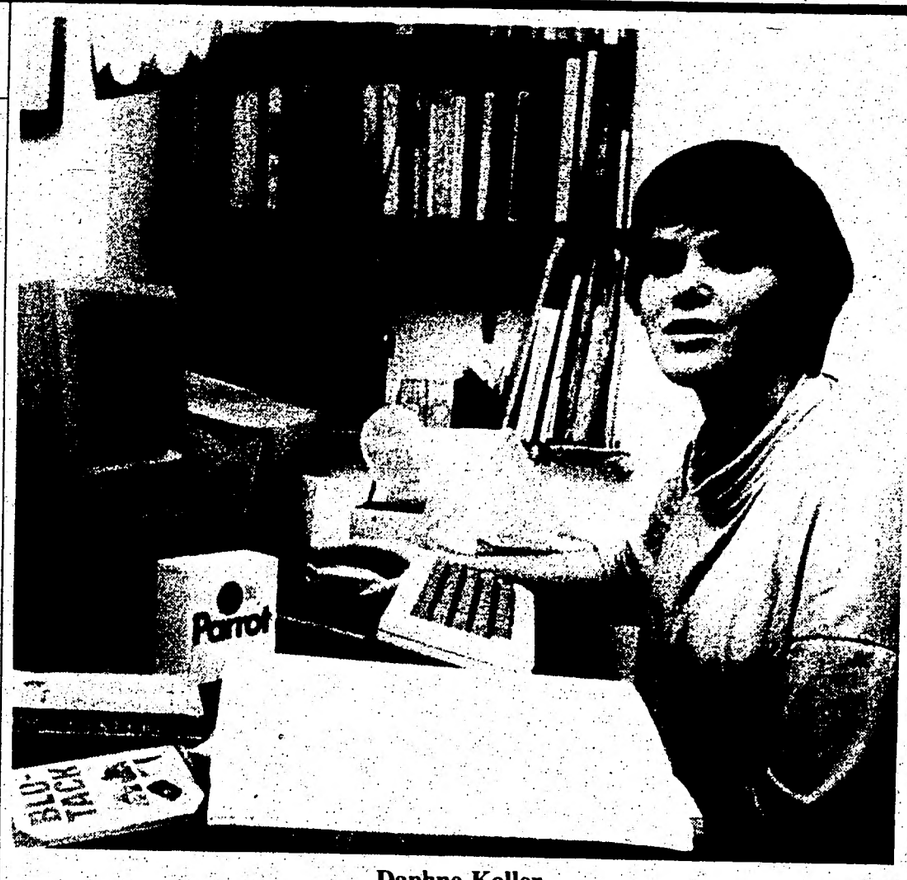

Daphne Koller

Teen computer whiz rivets int'l conference

JERUSALEM —

A hall full of computer scientists at the recent International Conference on Distributed Systems, held in Calgary, sat with its attention riveted on the speaker — a slim, young Israeli girl. Presenting her paper with self-confidence and solid scientific skill, she was treated as a peer by the 150 experts in her chosen field.

The speaker was Daphne Koller, who has completed her Master of Science degree cum laude at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science, at the age of 18.

Like any other Israeli girl her age, Daphne is now a soldier. But unlike her fellow soldiers, she graduated high school at 16 (with honors), got her BSc. in math and computer science (with honors) at 17, and in one more year, completed her MSc. studies with an average grade of 96.

Daphne's meteoric rise began in 1st grade in the Israeli town of Rehovot, where her father, Prof. Dov Koller, was a member of the Hebrew University's faculty of agriculture. She skipped to 2nd grade within three weeks, after the elementary school relented to her parents' insistence. When she accompanied her family to the United States for her father's sabbatical, she was given an aptitude test and promptly promoted from grade 7 to grade 9.

In the U.S., Daphne became fascinated by computers; by the end of the year, she knew three computer languages.

Even before the family returned to Israel, Daphne knew she wanted to attend the Hebrew University. "It was my own idea," she said in a recent interview. "I was bored with high school. I'd read books during math class, and sat with a higher grade for English. I thought university would be more interesting and more fun."

Her parents were not enthusiastic about the idea of a 13-year-old at university, but they came around. Luckily, says Daphne, both her high school and the university were open-minded, and she was allowed to audit classes in the Hebrew University's department of math and computer science — with the proviso that she would get university credit for these years only after she graduated from high school.

At the age of 16, she was accepted as a regular student with advanced standing and received her BSc. at 17. Her MSc. took one more year.

Daphne remembers her first year at the university, a child among older students, as a very special experience. "At first, it was like a game, but by the second year I took it seriously and was like any other student. Being the youngest was not new to me, I was already two years ahead of myself in high school. The other students accepted me; I never had much to do with kids of my age anyway. I never felt unusual socially, though I know I am unusual in my particular circumstances."

She cringes at the fact that strangers may get the impression she only talks to computers. "I'm a perfectly social creature," she says. "I like to go out, have fun, take trips, read, and do whatever kids my age do. I like movies and music, but I'm no groupie." Nor does she have any problems with finding boyfriends, usually about four years older than herself.

She plans to complete her doctorate in computer science, and to study art and music. She also hopes to stay in touch with the scientific world during her two years of army service.

MLS to enjoy laser technology

TORONTO —

The Multiple Listing Service of the Toronto Real Estate Board is about to undergo a major technological change that will result in a publishing system more automated than any in the world, the board has announced.

Beginning in April, MLS photographers will carry camcorders, instead of 35 mm cameras and will record pictures of properties for sale on tape rather than on film. The pictures of each property will be stored on laser disc.

A computer program will then match each picture with the corresponding property information and will electronically compose the pages for the daily sets.

The daily sets are the pages of pictures and information on properties listed for sale that are printed at the board and distributed each day to every member of the Toronto Real Estate Board.

The introduction of laser technology means that every stage of the MLS publishing process (except for the actual operation of the printing presses) will be done electronically.

Currently, each page of the daily set must be assembled by hand after the photographs have been developed through conventional darkroom techniques.

Under the new system, a laser printer will produce the electronically assembled pages from which plates can be made for final printing.

Once the new system is in place, the board's daily sets will be cleaner, easier to read, cheaper and faster to produce.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of the new technology is that it will allow pictures of properties to be electronically transmitted to real estate offices and displayed in full color. Brokers who have video printers in their offices could provide large inexpensive pictures for their clients to take away.

Importance of family purity

Campaign seeks greater awareness of mikvaot

TORONTO —

A slide show Tuesday May 19 on Mikvaot "through the ages and around the world," is intended to foster greater community awareness of the importance of taharas hamishpochah (family purity).

The lecture at the Torath Emeth Congregation (1 Viewmount Ave.) is organized by the Jewish Family Research Institute, headquartered in New York and B'nei Brak.

"We all know taharas hamishpochah is one of the most vital mitzvot in Jewish life," and going to the mikveh (ritual bath) is essential to achieving that purity, says Rabbi Imanuel Ravad, founder and director of the institute.

"Unfortunately, today a vast majority of our people don't observe it," he says.

To increase awareness and compliance with the religious obligation, the institute has organized a public information campaign including the lecture, distribution of literature and the building of a Museum of the Mikveh.

The first of its kind museum is slated to be built on land donated by the City of Herzliah in Israel. It will feature permanent and traveling exhibitions, including displays of mikvehs found from ancient times all the way up to and including a working mikveh.

Ravad hopes the museum will attract visitors from around the world. He believes it will inspire them to visit the mikveh regularly, and "avoid the path that leads them or their children to assimilation and intermarriage."

The lecture being presented here has received the approval of many local Orthodox rabbis, who are acting as an advisory board.

Chairman for the presentation, which covers mikvaot from the period of the first Bais Hamikdosh up to and including modern mikvaot, are Prof. Leo Davids and Yissachar Dov Speigel.

It will include a written message from Harav Hagaon Avraham Pam, roshyeshivah of Torah Vodaath, an introduction by Dr. Leibel Zoberman, a lecturer in halacha and medicine, and narration by Rabbi Ravad.

The presentation, open to all adult Jewish men and women, will also include a book display featuring Waters Of Eden The Mystery of the Mikveh by Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Admission is a suggested donation of $3 with proceeds going to foster Canadian and international mikveh education campaigns. Sponsors who give a donation of $151 (the numerical value of mikveh) will receive a gift.

Checks can be made to: Gmilus Chassodim of Agudath Yisroel Congregation, JFRI, 4881 Yonge St., Suite 802, Willowdale, M2N 5X3. Contributions are tax deductable.

For more information on the institute, phone (416) 630-4555, or write to 5 Banton Rd., Downsview, M3H 3G9.

Many Israeli women neglect health: poll

TEL AVIV —

Eighty-six percent of Israeli women have never had a Pap smear test for the early detection of cervical cancer; 60% don't have their breasts checked; and 55% fail to have yearly gynecological examinations, according to the results of a poll commissioned by Na'amat Israel, the country's largest women's organization.

Based on a representative sampling of 1,169 Jewish adults, the poll, conducted for Na'amat by the Dahat Institute, found that 40% of women having gynecological checkups still did not have their breasts examined.

"The poll substantiated our belief that every other woman in Israel is neglecting her health," Masha Lubelsky, Na'amat Israel's secretary general, said at a recent press conference to initiate the organization's Status of Women month.

This marks the fifth year that Na'amat has organized a month-long educational campaign focusing on a specific problem affecting the position of women in the work place, the family and society. The month's theme this year was to convince every Israeli woman that "The Time Has Come To Consider Your Own Body."

Medical care is readily available in Israel, Lubelsky said, but most people visit a doctor only when necessary. Preventive medical programs, such as those practiced in most Western countries, do not exist here," Lubelsky said.

When its special campaign ends, Na'amat will conduct ongoing programs to alert women to their health needs, under the auspices of its relevant offices and departments.

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